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ITALIANS RETREATING TO BARDIA NOW CENTRE OF FIGHTING: NO SLACKENING STRONG BRITISH PRESSURE

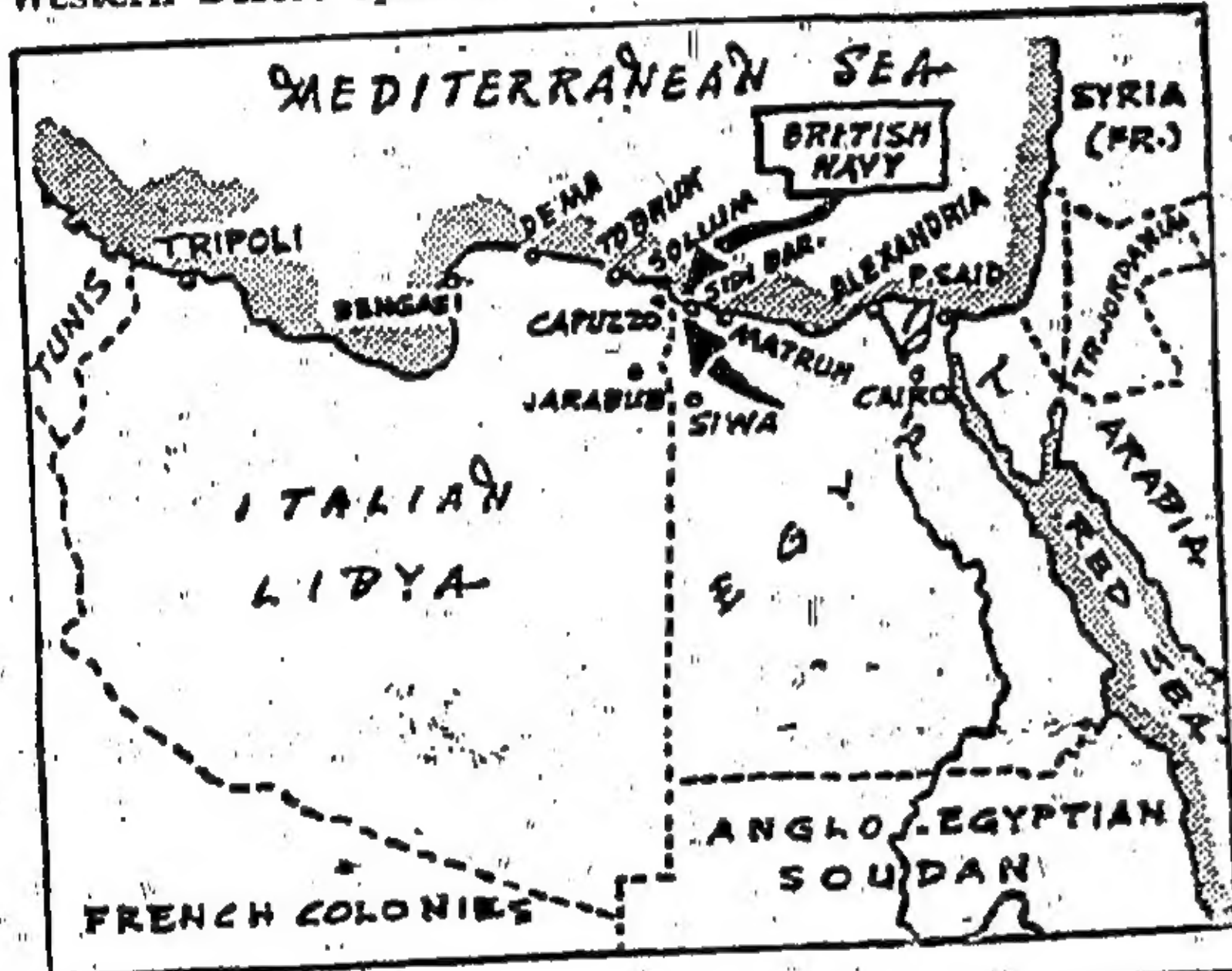
Roosevelt's Congratulations

ROYAL AIR FORCE RECONNAISSANCE FLIGHTS HAVE SHOWN THAT THE ITALIANS ARE RETREATING FROM BARDIA TO DERNIA WHICH IS 60 MILES TO THE WEST OF BARDIA.

BARDIA IS NOW THE CENTRE OF FIERCE FIGHTING AND R.A.F. PLANES ARE ATTACKING IT BY DAY AND NIGHT. ITALIANS RETREATING TO TOBRUK WERE MACHINE-GUNNED BY BRITISH FIGHTERS.

There has been no slackening in the strong British pressure but it is stated that Bardia is not likely to fall without a fierce struggle.

A statement from New Delhi reports that the Indian troops taking part in the Western Desert operations include men from all over the country.



They were the first to attack in the operations and captured three Italian tanks besides taking part in other raids. Their spirit and gallantry has aroused admiration while under bombing attacks they remained perfectly cool.

President Roosevelt has sent a message to the British Government congratulating them on the victory in the Western Desert.

The message says: "This victory adds a magnificent page to the annals of British and will help to secure the triumph of democracy."

STRONG PRESSURE

British artillery, tanks and mechanised units are closing in on Bardia and it was learned in London yesterday that strong British pressure in this sector is being maintained with the idea of isolating and mopping up the town.

The British forces are within reach of the coast roads by which the Italians will have to send reinforcements and the British are repeating the encircling movement which they used in Sollum.

Bardia is a tougher nut to crack than either Sollum or Sidi Barrani and it is heavily fortified. Nevertheless, the British troops have one big advantage as they are able to bring reinforcements all the time, while the only lifeline left to the Italians is the threatened road to Tobruk.

Australian troops, who defeated an Italian column at midnight and Indians are playing a prominent part. The Australians are moving up to the front in lorries they captured from the Italians. The Free French forces are also well to the fore and showed great courage and dash in the final onslaught against Sollum. Months of hard training have made these

DERNA: FIERCE IN THE

Successful Fighting In General

LATEST GREEK COMMUNIQUE

The latest Greek communique says that there has been successful fighting in general and it makes particular reference to the central front, says a London message.

The reports add that the Greeks are facing the bad weather much better than the Italians.

In the coastal region, the Italian resistance is more stubborn. Tepelini is still in enemy hands but is being shelled by Greek artillery from a height overlooking the town.

The Italians are reported to be evacuating Chimara and Bologna is being heavily fortified.

SEVERE WEATHER

Severe winter weather has not prevented the Royal Air Force from dominating the air over Albania. One Australian pilot said that they very often ran into a heavy snowstorm and the red glow of the exploding bombs lit up the snow-covered ground.

He added that neither the Italians nor the snow prevented the attacks from being carried out according to schedule.

Compensation Scheme For Raid Victims

The Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir Kingsley Wood, announced in the House of Commons yesterday a compensation scheme for those killed or injured by air raids, says a London message.

According to the scheme, every person in Britain over the age of 15 years is to be insured free against death or injury by enemy action.

The scheme makes no distinction of the size of a person's income and is based on the maximum of workmen's compensation.

A married man at work will get 35 shillings and a married man not in employ or with a private income will get 10s. 6d. If he is in hospital, one guinea in other circumstances.

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WHY SUBMARINE PERIL IS GROWING



Distances which German submarines must travel from bases along the French coast in order to reach the shipping lanes. They are much shorter than during the World War when under-sea raiders had to go around northern Scotland or run the British blockade in the Dover Straits.

REINSTATEMENT OF LAVAL: MARSHAL PETAIN THREATENED

It was revealed in London yesterday that M. LAVAL has left for Paris with Herr Otto Abetz, Herr Hitler's emissary, says a London message.

M. Laval was received by Marshal Petain after intervention by Herr Abetz, and it was officially stated that the general situation had been discussed.

The situation actually discussed concerned the reinstatement of M. Laval as M. Flandin was reported to have been conveniently taken ill at the same time.

There is no doubt that the German Fuehrer's emissary demanded M. Laval's reinstatement and it is also certain that Herr Abetz threatened Marshal Petain that Germany would occupy the whole of France unless M. Laval was released from custody and that his policy of support for Germany should be carried out.

This means that Herr Hitler expects Marshal Petain to yield abjectly to his demands.

Informed circles express the view that it is urgently necessary for Herr Hitler to force the Vichy Government to carry out a policy of whole collaboration with Germany which M. Laval supported. The reason for this urgency is that the Italian position is causing Herr Hitler anxiety.

CANNOT AFFORD

THE TIMES, commenting on this new development, says that whatever anger or contempt Herr Hitler may feel for Signor Mussolini he

cannot afford to allow Italy to be driven out of the war or Mussolini to be driven out of power, and to prevent this, Hitler must have taken precautions.

Already Nazi agents have Hitler's pre-invasion methods of infiltration which were so successful in Norway and Holland.

It is thought that Hitler may use methods now to reach the Mediterranean by the least direct route and unless the Italians move quickly they may wake up one morning to find that Italy has become occupied territory and that Mussolini has taken on the rank of a quisling.

TROOPS THROUGH FRANCE

Hitler, however, will have to send troops through France and this, together with the effect of the Italian reverses, might be opposed by the French who are unfavourable to collaboration with Germany. It is, therefore, possible for the French leaders to take up a stiffer attitude to Hitler but whether they will do this is left to be seen.

50,000 NAZI TROOPS

NEW YORK, Dec. 18 (Reuter)—About 50,000 German troops are concentrated at Naples and Bari with huge quantities of war mater-

Shortage Of Escort Craft Is Now Being Remedied

LONDON, Dec. 18 (Reuter)—Combating the U-boat menace does not in general present any novel or technical problem as it did in the last war, it was stated in authoritative quarters in London, commenting on the latest figures of British shipping losses.

It was pointed out that the sole problem is the shortage of escort craft which is now being remedied by an inflow of new naval construction and of 40 American destroyers.

Although some of the latter are already in service, the number is probably still small as it is believed their armament is being improved before being assigned to escort duty.

The British Government has now decided to increase the number of aircraft available for the defence of sea routes. British losses are still only about half of those at the worst period of 1917 and heavy as the losses are, the fact that the Germans continue to exaggerate them—this week the Germans claim to have sunk nearly 250,000 tons, that is, more than twice the real total—shows that the sinkings are far from reaching the German expectations.

SOLE CAUSE

The DAILY TELEGRAPH says the lack of a sufficient number of escorts of the right kind afloat and aloft is the sole cause of the heavy mercantile losses.

Both the Navy and the Air Force have been stretched out thin to cover vast distances and multiplicity demands.

As their numbers increase, adds the Daily Telegraph, we may be confident that the revival of attacks on shipping will be defeated as decisively as former assaults.

rials, according to messages received here from Belgrade.

While it is claimed that the reports from a reliable source, it is not known whether the troops are intended for use in Libya or Albania.

LULL IN AIR ATTACKS MOST SINISTER WARNING OF ALL

Reply To Beaverbrook's Statement

Commenting on the latest news in the international situation yesterday, MR. CYRIL LAKIN, B.C.C. commentator replied to Lord Beaverbrook's statement that the British people had become over-confident.

Mr. Lakin said that Lord Beaverbrook had warned them about the serious threats they would have to face from Hitler in the next few months or possibly in the next few weeks.

"In the meantime," said Mr. Lakin, "here in Britain and particularly in London we have had a lull in the air attacks. This lull appears to us to be the most sinister warning of all."

"Lord Beaverbrook with fearlessness and frankness has told us we are over-confident. He did not mince words about it—he did not say we have a tendency or inclination to be over-confident, but what he said quite frankly was that we are over-confident."

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FORTHRIGHT STATEMENT

This forthright statement has the greatest interest in authoritative circles in London. It is felt that the President has cleared the ground by pointing out that the fundamental problem is not one of dollars but of actual munitions and that it is in America's interest to find ways of putting into Britain's hands the necessary means for hastening the conclusion of the war.

BASIC REALITIES

NEW YORK, Dec. 18 (Reuter)—"It is far better for the United States to recognise candidly, and at once, that after a certain point war supplies to Britain must essentially and inevitably be a gift," declared the NEW YORK HERALD-TRIBUNE in a leader entitled "Lending a Fire Hose" in which President Roosevelt's plan to aid Britain is hailed as a "welcome step in the direction of recognising the basic realities of the whole question."

Today's War Summary

LATEST REPORTS INDICATE THAT THE ITALIANS ARE retreating from Bardia, which is now the centre of fierce fighting, to Derna. There is no slackening in British pressure and the Royal Air Force are attacking Bardia day and night. President Roosevelt has sent a message of congratulations to the British Government on the victory in the Western Desert.

IT IS POINTED OUT IN LONDON THAT THE SOLE PROBLEM in combating the U-boat menace is the shortage of escort craft but this is being remedied by the inflow of new naval construction and of 40 American destroyers.

THE BOLD AND SWEEPING CHANGE IN THE AMERICAN ATTITUDE towards aiding Britain has deeply stirred and encouraged public opinion in Britain. Mr. Roosevelt's statement is believed to have put the whole question on a realistic basis.

FROM THE ALBANIAN FRONT IT IS STATED THAT THE ITALIANS, under pressure by the Greeks, withdrew with losses in the direction of Kefyrie where fires appeared. On the rest of the front operations continued satisfactorily.

THE FLIGHT OF ITALY WHERE THE SYMPTOMS OF DISCONTENT are already manifest is the subject of a leading article in THE TIMES which remarks that the slight mood of summer and autumn has vanished as a result of the defeat in North Africa following upon that in Albania. The paper says that in place of the much canvassed drives against Gibraltar or Constantinople Hitler may seek to reach the Mediterranean by a less obvious route.

SOCCER REVIEW

POLICE PUT UP GREAT FIGHT AGAINST EASTERN

Sing Tao Fully Extended
By St. Joseph's

BY "PILAT"

As was generally expected, POLICE put up a great fight against EASTERN at Caroline Hill on Sunday and were very unlucky, indeed, to lose by four goals to two. In fact so well did they play that for a great part of the game they practically outplayed the Chinese eleven and only the poor finishes of their forwards robbed them of what might have been another fine "feather in their cap."

The custodians of the law played their usual forceful game and their bustling method had a demoralising effect on Eastern's defence where Kong Sing-king and Y.S. Yen were not as steady as before, the former especially being very erratic in his clearances.

Police were as good in defence as the Chinese but in attack they were far behind. Eastern's forwards showed complete unison and, though they lacked their usual sparkle (most probably still feeling the disappointment of the previous week), functioned together smoothly.

The wingers, Chung Yung-sum and Hau Ching-to, gave their inside men excellent support but were limited owing to the good work of the Police wing halves, Pope and North.

MOSS TOO SLOW

The Police forwards, on the whole, were disjointed and only in flashes did they show any semblance of combination. Moss, as a leader, was a failure being much too slow while Howlett, well marked by Ng Kee-cheong, was never in the picture. Ferrier was the best of the forwards but was inclined to go too far back to forage for the ball and, consequently, Police were at times attacking with only four men.

Eastern started in a rather melancholy manner and, as stated, were lucky to win, three of the goals being scored at a period when Police had only ten men on the field owing to injuries. It was after they were 2-1 down that Eastern played more true to form.

HARD TO UNDERSTAND

MIDDLESEX are, indeed, a difficult team to understand. During their last few matches after they had established a comfortable lead and when the game seemed to be in their pockets, they unaccountably fell off to allow their opponents to level the score.

This happened again on Saturday when they drew with KWONG WAH, at Bokunpoo, after being two goals in the lead 10 minutes from the start and outplaying the opposition for the first half.

The "Diehards" were best served in defence by Drake, who played a sound game in goal. Freshwater and Bright, Thomas and Wilkinson were also two good wing halves. The forwards combined well in midfield but when within shooting range they did not take more shots at goal. Pearson was the most enterprising and was rewarded with two fine goals.

CLASSIFICATION OF PONIES

Latest Alterations And Additions

The following are the latest alterations and additions to the classification lists (dated May 28, 1940) of the Hongkong Jockey Club:

Australian Ponies:—Connleber to B Class; Many Thanks to B Class; Sparrow to B Class; A Great Time to C Class; Australian Prince to C Class; Double Finesse to C Class; Quick Despatch to C Class; Sea Jay to C Class; Winfred to C Class; A Green Time to D Class; National Victory to D Class.

China Ponies:—Rob Roy to B Class; Eve of Folly to C Class; Dawn Star to D Class; Eve of Hunting to D Class; Laughing Girl to D Class; Lovely Star to D Class; Royal Wedding Eve to D Class; Scenic View to D Class; Soldier of Britain to D Class; Fei Ying to E Class; Gold Coin to E Class; Hurricane to E Class; Matador to E Class; National Success to E Class; Palmer to E Class.

DAVIS CUPPER KILLED

SALISBURY (RHODESIA), Dec. 18 (Reuters)—Ronald Shaves, the well-known Davis Cup tennis player, who is a Sergeant in the R.A.F., has been killed in an air crash here.

He was ranked third in British lawn tennis.

MRS. FLEMING WINS TOMBSTONE COMPETITION

The V.A.D. and A.N.S. Tombstone Competition of the Royal Hongkong Golf Club (Ladies' Section) played over the New Course, Fanling, on Tuesday, Dec. 17, for a prize presented by Mrs. A. V. Greaves, resulted in a win for Mrs. W. N. Fleming (A.N.S.) who was just short of the 19th green.

Other results were:—Mrs. Eldon Potter, Mrs. Shrigley and Mrs. Turnbull, all ending on the 18th green. There were 30 entries.

Mrs. F. A. Mackintosh and Miss E. M. Whitehead tied for the Putting Prize with a score of 19, Mrs. Mackintosh winning on the play off.

The sum of \$55.00 was collected for the South China Morning Post Bomber Fund, being made up of contributions from those taking part in the Tombstone and Putting Competitions, as well as table money from the bridge tables.

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Very Scrappy
Rugger At
Valley

CLUB DEFEAT
NAVY "A"

A very scrappy game was seen during the first half of the friendly rugby match between the Club "A" XI and the Navy "A" at the Valley yesterday.

Opportunities galore were missed by both sides. The passes, handling, and tackling were the worst seen for a long time.

On resumption of play, Navy went all out and, after ten minutes, secured three valuable points through a penalty goal scored by Hughes.

Club, determined to equalise, made a remarkable recovery and tries came thick and fast. The first try was by Pearce. D. Hynes, after a brilliant run from the 30-yard line placed the Club in the fore.

Five minutes later, Bosanquet, intercepting a pass from Hynes, took the ball up for a further try. All three tries were not converted, the final scores being 9 (three tries) to 3 (one penalty goal) in favour of the Club.

OUTSTANDING PLAYERS

The outstanding players for the Club were D. Hynes, Pearce, Bosanquet, Benn, and Redman. B. Hynes made up for his lack of polish by keenness.

Rowe, Navy's full back, was responsible for many brilliant saves. Teare and Gracie played their usual fine game, in the second half, while Hughes and Stockham seemed, at times, to possess winged feet.

The teams were:—
CLUB "A": Thompson; Needham, D. Hynes, Pearce, Bosanquet; Charter, Clemo; Walkden, Dunnett, Castleton; Benn, Olsen; Dalziel, B. Hynes, Redman.
NAVY "A": Rowe, McGill, Wilson; Teare, Gracie; O'Riordan; Wilson; Winter, White, Hughes; Stockham, Jones; Jackson, Baggs, Mitchell.

MEDIOCRE PLAY SEEN IN
R.A. CUP POLO TOURNAMENT

Islanders Beat Middlesex
Regiment By 4-1

ISLANDERS beat the MIDDLESEX REGIMENT by four goals to one at Boundary Street yesterday in the first round of the R. A. Polo Cup Tournament. Some very mediocre play was witnessed and both sides showed rather poor team work.

The first chukker opened with Major Hunt scoring after Bousfield had stopped with a "back-hand shot" an attempt by Hancock clear. Shortly after, Col. Way crossed Capt. W. H. Chattey and a penalty was awarded against Islanders from the spot where the foul had occurred.

No goal came of it, but Islanders gained possession of the ball again and Col. Way scored at the bell. Middlesex had the worse here of a rather scrappy chukker. There was a lot of misbitting and a good deal of shouting.

COMBINED BETTER

In the second chukker, Middlesex combined better and Hancock scored half way through. W. H.

SPORTING
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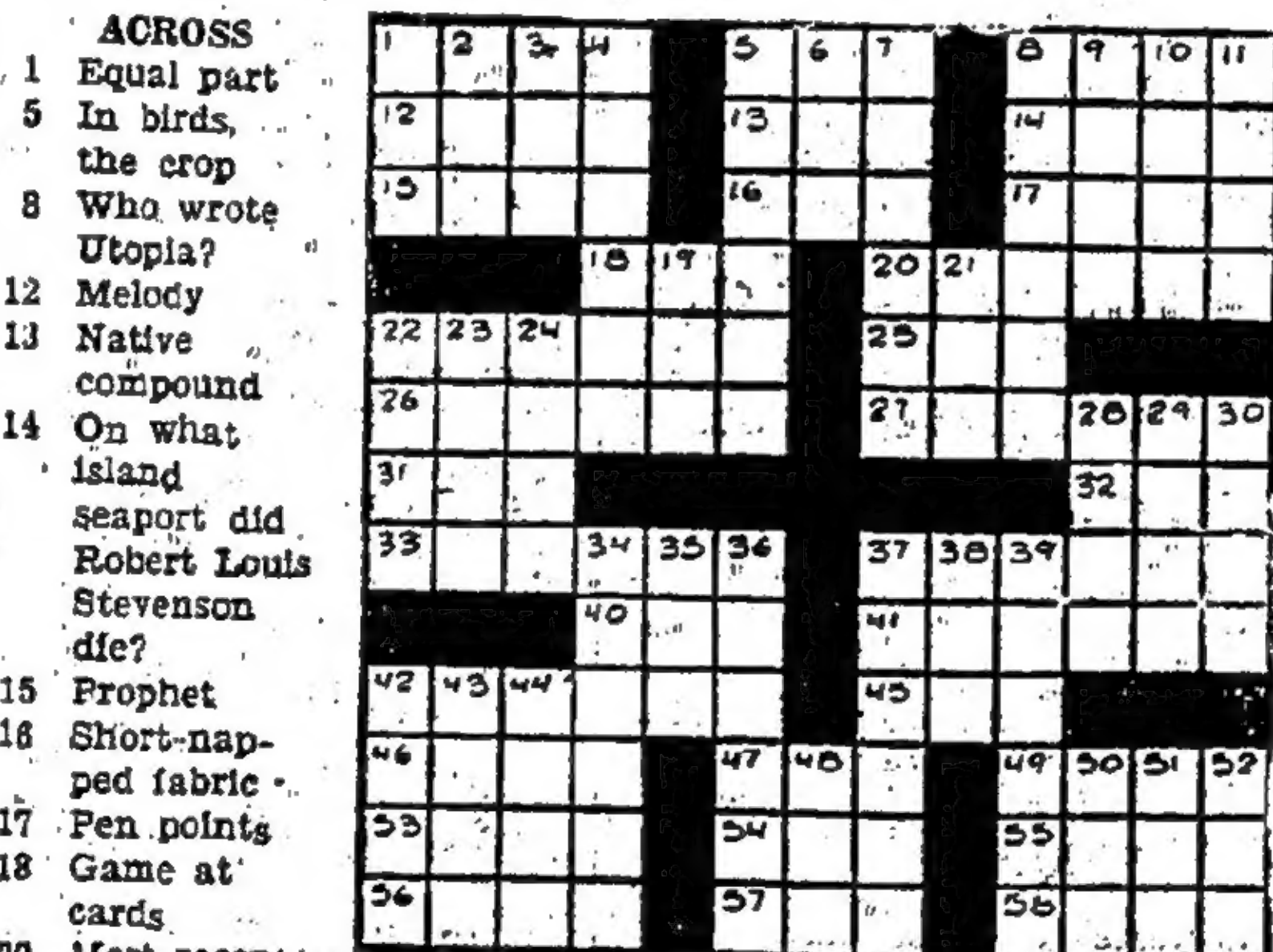
BILLIARDS—Soldiers' Club Tournament, 7th, A. A. Regt. R. A. v. Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps.

RACING—Auction of Ponies (Jockey Club Paddock) 5.15 p.m.

TOMORROW

BILLIARDS—Garrison League. Service Corps v. G. Military Police; Pay Corps v. 5th A. A. Regt. R.A.; Corps of Signals v. 12th Heavy Regt. R.A.; Medical Corps v. Fortress Coy. R.E.; Royal Scots v. Ordnance Corps.
MEETING—Annual, of Royal Hongkong Golf Club, at Jardine Matheson's Office, 5.15 p.m.

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| ACROSS | DOWN |
| 1 Equal part | 19 Be indebted to |
| 5 In birds, the crop | 21 Japanese rice paste |
| 8 Who wrote Utopia? | 22 Heavenly body |
| 12 Melody | 23 Woody plant |
| 13 Native compound | 24 Famous Australian aviator |
| 14 On what island seaport did Robert Louis Stevenson die? | 25 Downpour |
| 15 Prophet | 26 Fine |
| 16 Short-napped fabric | 27 Winter vehicle |
| 17 Pen points | 28 W.A. town |
| 18 Game at cards | 29 Disease of sheep |
| 20 Most recent | 30 Away |
| 22 Scattered | 31 What French poet was elected to the Academy as Anatole France's successor? |
| 23 Thin metal | 32 High priest of Israel |
| 25 Australian bird | 33 Piched |
| 26 French town | 34 Demonstrative word |
| 27 Longs for | 35 City in Nevada |
| 31 Bronze in Roman antiquity | 36 Metal |
| 32 Be unwell | 37 Court |
| 33 Town in Georgia | 38 Member of an Indian tribe |
| 37 Where is the Bridge of Sighs? | 39 Steel trap |
| 40 Return a ball in a high curve | 42 Being |
| 41 Ranged in a row | |
| 42 Clam | |
| 45 Edge of a wound | |
| 46 Who was the sister and wife of Zeus? | |
| 47 Female sheep | |
| 49 Unadulterated | |
| 53 Soon | |
| 54 Correlative of neither | |
| 55 Jacket | |
| 58 What is the highest first name of the Bible? | |
| 59 Plaything | |

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TOP KHANA v. STOOGES

Top Khana meet the Stooges in the other first round match on Wednesday at 4.30 p.m. The teams will be:

TOP KHANA: Capt. J. H. Monro (3), Major A. P. Trevor (1), Capt. H. L. Duncan (2) and Lieut. L. J. A. Fielden (4).

STOOGES: Major C. A. Fisher (2), Capt. A. G. Atkinson (1), Lieut. B. R. Smith (2) and Major E. J. L. Penford (3).

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AUSTRALIAN BOY PRAISED

"NO BETTER HUMAN MATERIAL"

Mr. B. W. Hone, headmaster of Cranbrook School, addressing the Millions Club, said that there was no better human material than the Australian boy.

Mr. Hone said that, compared with the English boy, for example, the Australian boy had more initiative and independence, and was more robust.

He attributed this to the Australian climate, and freedom from what he termed a repressive weight of tradition. He said he could point to three Great Public Schools in Australia which, he thought, could not be bettered in any other part of the world.

The old English Public School, which had always borne in mind that character was as important as intellect, had made a notable contribution to education in England and in this country.

English Public Schools had resisted strongly any attempt to undermine their independence.

COMING EVENTS

DEC. 19—Tides: High 1.20 p.m. and 11.50 p.m. Low 6.40 a.m. and 5.16 p.m. Sunrise: 6.57 a.m.; Sunset: 5.43 p.m. Legislative Council Meeting, 2.30 p.m.

H.K. Y's Men's Club Tiffin Meeting, 1 p.m.

St. Andrew's Club dramatic performance, 8 p.m.

Physical Training Competition for Kowloon Schools, Kowloon P.O., 9 a.m. Presentation of insignia at Government House, 5 p.m.

H.K. Singers' Concert, Peninsula Hotel, 9.30 p.m.

Cherry Club, Bridge and Mahjong Chinese Art Exhibition at Hotel Cecil, 11 a.m.

Crown Land Sale, Land Office, Ping Shan, 11.30 a.m.

Sale of Poles, Race Course, Paddock, 5.15 p.m.

Husband's Evacuation Committee Meeting, Gloucester Hotel, 12.15 p.m.

Victoria Chess Club, Gloucester Hotel, 5 p.m.

Kowloon Chess Club, Senior Championships, Exhibition of Pictures, Hotel Cecil, 11 a.m.

H.K. Philatelic Society, Invitation Tra. Parian Grill, 5.30 p.m.

20—Tides: High 2.10 p.m. Low 7.25 a.m. and 6.15 p.m. Sunrise: 6.58 a.m.; Sunset: 5.43 p.m. Royal Hongkong Golf Club, Annual Meeting (Jardine Matheson's Office), 5.15 p.m.

Ladies' Working Party (B.W.O.P.), Govt. House, 9 a.m.—12 noon.

Inter-School Physical Training Competition, Hongkong Football Club ground, 11.30 a.m.

Cherry Club Darts and Table Tennis, Compulsory Service Tribunal, 4 p.m.

Crown Land Sale, D.O. South, 11 a.m.

Volunteer Nursing Detachment, Lecture on First Aid, Volunteer House, 5.30 p.m.; Practical Class, 4.30 p.m.

Dance for Seafarers at Sailors' Home and Seamen's Institute, 9 p.m.

Annual Gift Day in Aid of Salvation Army Home for Women & Girls, Exposition of Chinese Calligraphy, Fung Ping Shan Library, 10 a.m.—6 p.m.

21—Tides: High 12.46 a.m. and 3.06 p.m. Low 8.15 a.m. and 7.30 p.m. Sunrise: 6.58 a.m.; Sunset: 5.44 p.m. Central British Assn. Supper Dance, Peninsula Hotel, 9 p.m.

China Light and Power Co., Ltd. Annual Meeting, St. George's Building, 12 noon.

Claims against estate of Wong Yee due, Inspection of Air Raid Wardens by H.E. the Acting Governor, 3.30 p.m.

Government-Trained Teachers' Union Supper Dance, Hongkong Hotel, 8 p.m.

H.K. University Union, Annual Gymnastic and Drill Display, 9 p.m.

R.A.O.C. Smoking Concert, Gloucester Hotel, 8.15 p.m.

22—Tides: High 1.55 a.m. and 4 p.m. Low 9.35 a.m. and 8.26 p.m. Sunrise: 6.59 a.m.; Sunset: 5.44 p.m. H.K. Golf Championship, Final, Chinese Products Exhibition, Kowloon.

Charity football, 2.30 and 4 p.m. (Causeway Bay).

Y.M.C.A. Discussion Group, 8 p.m. Christmas concert, Univ. Great Hall, 8 p.m.

23—Tides: High 3.24 a.m. and 4.53 p.m. Low 10 a.m. and 11.25 p.m. Sunrise: 6.59 a.m.; Sunset: 5.45 p.m. Ladies' Working Party (B.W.O.P.), Govt. House, 9 a.m.—12 noon.

St. Andrew's Club Christmas Carnival Party.

24—Tides: High 5 a.m. and 5.42 p.m. Low 11.52 a.m. Sunrise: 7 a.m.; Sunset: 5.46 p.m. Christmas Eve.

H.K. Rotary Club Tiffin Meeting, 1 p.m.

Claims against estate of Pinito Tinoco and Wong Cheuk-lin due.

25—Tides: High 6.30 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. Low 11.43 a.m. and 11.45 a.m. Sunrise: 7 a.m.; Sunset: 5.46 p.m. Christmas Day.

International Charity Cup Soccer, Scotland v. China (Boundary St.).

26—Tides: High 7.50 a.m. and 7.15 p.m. Low 1.40 a.m. and 12.32 p.m. Sunrise: 7.01 a.m.; Sunset: 5.47 p.m. Boxing Day.

Kwong Race Meeting.

International Charity Cup Soccer, Portugal v. England (Kowloon P.O.).

Charity Football, K.P.C., 10.30 a.m.

27—Tides: High 8.57 a.m. and 8.05 p.m. Low 2.29 a.m. and 1.18 p.m. Sunrise: 7.01 a.m.; Sunset: 5.47 p.m. R.A.O.C. Dinner Dance.

Ladies' Working Party (B.W.O.P.), Govt. House, 9 a.m.—12 noon.

28—Tides: High 9.53 a.m. and 8.46 p.m. Low 3.13 a.m. and 1.59 p.m. Sunrise: 7.02 a.m.; Sunset: 5.48 p.m.

29—Tides: High 10.39 a.m. and 9.30 p.m. Low 3.54 a.m. and 2.40 p.m. Sunrise: 7.02 a.m.; Sunset: 5.48 p.m. Y.M.C.A. Discussion Group, 8 p.m. Chinese Recreation Club, "At Home."

30—Tides: High 11.24 a.m. and 10.08 p.m. Low 4.32 a.m. and 3.20 p.m. Sunrise: 7.03 a.m.; Sunset: 5.49 p.m. Ladies' Working Party (B.W.O.P.), Govt. House, 9 a.m.—12 noon.

31—Tides: High 12.09 p.m. and 10.45 p.m. Low 5.10 a.m. and 4.02 p.m. Sunrise: 7.03 a.m.; Sunset: 5.49 p.m. New Year's Eve.

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Importance Of Tangier

IMMEDIATE ACTION BY GOVERNMENT DEMANDED

LONDON, Dec. 18 (Reuter).—Demand for immediate British action on the subject of Tangier is made by the News Chronicle which stresses the strategic importance of Tangier which "fortified in enemy hands could all but close the western entrance of the Mediterranean and turn Gibraltar into a white elephant."

It adds: "Tangier should never have been allowed to pass out of international hands, but it is certain was powerless when the Spanish occupation took place, it is powerless no longer."

"We should do more than protest. We should make certain the whole Tangier zone remains unfortified and no steps taken to construct an air base there."

"There is no gainsaying that Spain has natural and predominant interests in Tangier but we cannot reasonably allow the fate of such a vital strategic spot to be at the sole discretion of a country, which, however much desiring to keep out of the war, may be placed under irresistible military pressure by Hitler and forced to make over a conveniently fortified zone for use against us."

LAVAL'S FALL FROM GRACE

NO CLARIFICATION FROM VICHY

LONDON, Dec. 18 (Reuter).—Though internal policy is believed to be the chief cause of M. Laval's dismissal, reports from Vichy fall entirely to clarify the reasons.

It is probable, however, that Laval's efforts to make Marshal Petain a plant tool for his pro-German policy encountered increasingly stubborn resistance, which was fortified by the situation in the Mediterranean.

It is reported that Laval last week laid far-reaching proposals for internal reform before the Vichy Cabinet together with a new German peace offer, both of which were rejected.

FRENCH COLONIAL BASES. Marshal Petain is reported to have summoned M. Flandin after this. The latter is held to be anxious to adopt a more dignified policy than Laval, and it is thought that he would never consent to placing French colonial bases at the disposal of Germany.

Nevertheless Britain's Mediterranean successes have revived hopes among the group, of which Admiral Darlan is the leader, that a separate peace between France and Germany may be concluded. The grounds for the hope are that Italy has been so greatly

BRITAIN & U.S. TO WAIVE EXTRATERRITORIAL RIGHTS

CHUNGKING, Dec. 18 (Central).—The British and American Governments have agreed in principle to "relinquish their extraterritorial rights in China after the end of the Sino-Japanese hostilities, Dr. Wang Chung-hui, Foreign Minister, revealed in a speech at the Weekly Memorial Service, yesterday morning.

Dr. Wang declared that Japan's ostrich policy will hasten her downfall and expedite the realisation of China's war aims, namely, maintenance of her racial existence and national independence, and preservation of international justice as well as the abolition of the unequal treaties.

Dr. Wang said that Japan's alliance with the Axis Powers has failed to intimidate Britain and America and also failed to extirpate herself from the China quagmire. Her signing of the so-called treaty with Wang Ching-wei in an attempt to deceive herself that the China war has been settled is really an example of that policy.

INCREASED ASSISTANCE. Meanwhile, America, Britain and Russia have increased their material and financial assistance to China and have reiterated that Chungking is China's recognized National Government.

"The fact is that America, Britain and Russia who are vitally interested in the future of the Pacific, have co-operated with China in checking Japanese aggression," Dr. Wang pointed out.

Dr. Wang declared that Mr. Sumner Wells and Mr. Winston Churchill have agreed to discuss the abolition of American and British extraterritorial rights in China under peaceful conditions. With the passing of extraterritoriality, Dr. Wang said, China will discard her semi-colonial status but China will definitely refrain from any anti-foreign action.

Invasion Of Britain In February?

TOPEKA, KANSAS, Dec. 18 (Reuter).—Mr. Alfred Landon, Republican candidate for the Presidency in 1936, declared on his return here from a visit to Washington that he "has been advised by reliable official sources that Hitler is planning to invade Britain about middle of February."

Mr. Landon said that he found "definitely disturbed" feeling in administrative circles over the failure to co-ordinate American defence activities.

DEATH PENALTY FOR WOMAN

Planned To Aid Enemy Military Operations

LONDON, Dec. 18 (Reuter).—A woman was sentenced to death for treachery yesterday at Winchester—the first of such sentences to be announced as passed on a woman since the outbreak of war.

She is Dorothy Pamela O'Grady, 42 years old.

The charges on which she was found guilty were that in the Isle of Wight she made a plan, likely to assist the military operations of the enemy and that with the object of helping the enemy, she cut a military telephone wire.

The case was heard in camera and the Court was open to the public only at the pronouncement of sentence.

O'Grady, a short, dark, bespectacled woman, showed no emotion when the judge passed sentence.

Heavy Raids By The R.A.F. On Italian Aerodromes

FIGHTER OFFENSIVE MAINTAINED

CAIRO, Dec. 18 (Reuter).—All enemy aerodromes between Tobruk and Bardia in the Western Desert of Egypt were heavily raided by R.A.F. bombers on Monday, states a communiqué from the R.A.F. Middle East Headquarters.

Fighter planes maintained constant offensive patrols throughout the day.

Bardia suffered a further intensive raid on Monday night in excellent weather. Altogether more than 12 tons of bombs fell on barracks, military buildings and railways. One particularly fierce blaze as well as other fires were started. Tobruk, Bomba, Benna, El Adem, El Gubbay and El Gazala were attacked heavily and damaged.

ITALIAN LOSSES. During an offensive patrol, R.A.F. fighters shot down eight Italian aircraft and possibly a further two. Another Italian aircraft was destroyed while landing and a general purposes plane was shot down.

These enemy losses are additional to the 15 Italian aircraft captured near Sidi Barrani.

There were no British losses during these Western Desert operations.

DURAZZO BOMBED. The R.A.F. Middle East Headquarters announce that in Southern Albania, Durazzo, was heavily raided despite bad weather.

Heavy explosions were caused in the dock areas. Again British aircraft returned safely.

LARGE FIRE. Gura and Asmara, in Italian East Africa, were raided during the night of Dec. 15, says the R.A.F. Headquarters.

At the former place, a large fire was started. Enemy fighters damaged one R.A.F. bomber, which, however, managed to return to British territory.

At Asmara, a factory and transport park were bombed. Enemy bombers raided Port Sudan four times but no damage was caused either to R.A.F. property or to personnel.

Forthcoming Finnish Elections

TASS AGENCY DROPS A WARNING

MOSCOW, Dec. 18 (Reuter).—Finland is warned "not to forget the lessons of the past" in a dispatch from Helsinki, issued by the official Tass Agency yesterday, on the forthcoming Finnish elections.

It states that the President of Finland must be a man capable of ensuring normal and good neighbourly relations with the neighbouring States and must be able to prevent Finland from making adventurous experiments in her foreign policy towards which the country is being pushed by reactionary profiteers.

The dispatch adds that progressive circles in Helsinki are alarmed and express apprehension concerning possible consequences of political intrigue in connexion with the election.

It adds that most of the reactionary circles are increasing their activity in advancing projects for granting the President extraordinary powers.

ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR FOR INDIA

NEW DELHI, Dec. 18 (Reuter).—It was revealed yesterday that Britain is to send Italian prisoners taken in the Western Desert operations to India.

An announcement says that internment camps are being prepared in India for the reception of at least 20,000 Italians from the Western Desert.

The Italian prisoners, it was added, are expected to be taken to India soon.

It was weakened that Germany may now be able to persuade her to renounce most of her claims against France. The rock on which earlier Franco-German negotiations came to grief might thus be removed.

OCCUPATION OF LYONS? Owing to the complete failure of Laval's policy, M. Flandin is bound to move cautiously in the direction of such a policy.

The fact that Herr Otto Abetz has gone to Vichy suggests that Germany is not entirely satisfied with Flandin's nomination and indeed it is rumoured that Germany may feel obliged to send troops to occupy Lyons.

Reports from Italy show increasing confusion and uneasiness concerning the war situation. An example is the rumour current in Italy that Marshal Badoglio and other generals have been executed for treachery.



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RICE DEALERS COMPLAIN PRICES ARE TOO LOW

A complaint lodged by the CHINESE RICE DEALERS' ASSOCIATION, that the prices of rice fixed by the Food Controller are too low, was considered at an emergency meeting of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce yesterday.

The rice dealers stated that, in some cases, the prices are actually a dollar below cost. To protect themselves against any possibility of losing money, they are compelled to sell second grade rice at the price fixed by the Food Controller for the first grade.

The rise in prices, explained a representative of the Association was due to lack of shipments from abroad which, most naturally, resulted in a local shortage and the resultant rise. No mention was made, however, of instructions being received by the exporters to put the local prices up.

A deputation from the Association then called upon Mr. G. S. Kennedy-Skipiton, the Food Controller, to discuss the existing situation.

ACTION UNNECESSARY

Asked if Government would consider releasing part of the stocks reserved by Government, Mr. Kennedy-Skipiton said that was improbable as such a step had to be sanctioned by the Secretary for the Colonies. Pressed further on this point, the Food Controller stated that such action on Government's part is unnecessary as there are, at present, ample stocks in the Colony and more are on their way.

No indication was, however, given as to whether Government intended to abolish the control of prices when these new stocks arrive. A petition, signed by Mr. Phillip Gockhlin and Mr. Ng Chak-wah, Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce, respectively, addressed to the Food Controller, contained three suggestions, namely, Government to release part of the reserved stocks; appointment of a few shops to sell

at standardised prices and qualities, and severe punishment of profiteers, who mix lower grade rice with the better quality and selling it as the latter.

Although no satisfactory reply was given to this petition, the representatives of the Chamber were informed that the petition was receiving the Food Controller's serious consideration and that the points raised therein would be discussed with the Hon. Secretary for Chinese Affairs.

It was learned from reliable sources that the Kwong Hang Hing rice shop, which carries a large stock purchased at prices considerably lower than those fixed by Government, will shortly be releasing this stock for the benefit of the public. Retailers who are provided with certificates will be able to obtain stocks from this firm of wholesalers. These retailers must, however, agree to re-sell at such prices as would alleviate the lot of the public.

SHANGHAI PRICES

CHUNGKING, Dec. 18 (Central).—Following a drop recently, the rice price in Shanghai is now again skyrocketing, according to a Shanghai report. Native rice is quoted at \$108 per picul and foreign rice at \$87.

The high price is due mainly to transportation difficulties and heavy taxation and sundry levies imposed by the Japanese. Rice merchants have to acquire a transportation certificate and pay heavy fees to the Japanese before they are allowed to ship the product.

Another reason for the high price is hoarding by unscrupulous merchants.

ATTRACTIVE BAZAAR IN AID OF CHINESE HANDICRAFT RELIEF CO-OPERATIVE SOC.

To those desirous of sending "something out of the ordinary" to relatives and friends in Australia, a visit to the bazaar organised by the Chinese Handicraft Relief Co-operative Society, which was officially opened by MISS PHYLLIS HARROP, Lady Assistant to the Secretary for Chinese Affairs, yesterday morning, should prove a happy hunting ground.

Laid out in orderly and attractive displays are to be found such lacquer wares as buddhas, ashtrays, models of the map of China, busts of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek and Mr. Winston Churchill, and vases; carved ivory wares; stone wares; silk waste-paper baskets; artistically carved wood wares; and embroidered, and drawn-work, articles.

The most attractive articles on display (and for sale, of course) are two masterpieces of lacquer work never seen in Hongkong before. These are done in bronze colour, and on one is shown the Chinese sage, Confucius, giving lessons in deportment, horsemanship, archery, writing, music, and numerals. The other shows Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, on his charger, leading his troops.

POPULAR ITEM

The most popular item appeared to be lacquer tray-sets, inlaid with silvered and coloured pictures, at \$20 per set of five trays. According to the Secretary, Mr. K. Y. Tung, 50 of these sets were sold during the morning, and orders were coming in fast and furious during the time that the Hongkong Daily Press reporter was there.

The pride of place in the bazaar is given to an 8-fold lacquer screen with coloured silk detachable adornments, priced at \$2,000. Another beautifully carved 8-fold screen, made of Wang-yung and Lung-yung wood, depicting scenes from the story of Shih Tachai's life, is also on view, and on sale at \$5,000.

There are, of course, articles which are priced much lower than those quoted above. A model of the map of China costs but 20 cents, while a bust of Mr. Winston Churchill, finished in silver colour, may be obtained for the mere sum of \$1.50.

The object of the bazaar is to raise funds to expand the work of the Society. Founded on Jan. 18 last, by Messrs. H. F. and K. Y. Tung, the Society has, for its object, the training of refugee girls in lacquer work and wood carving. Groups of ten are taken in by the Society and trained for six months. During tuition the girls are paid at the rate of 20 cents per day.

THOSE PRESENT

Among those present at the

opening yesterday were Mr. Shih Hao-li (former Minister of Finance of China), K. H. Ling (Chairman of the National Chamber of Commerce), Wang Hsiao-li (Chairman of the Shanghai Chamber of Commerce and Chairman of the National Relief Associations), C. H. Lee (general manager of the Luk Ho Kow Iron Works Co., Ltd.) who, incidentally, donated \$8,000 towards the funds of the Society, Ip Lan-chuen, Peter H. Sin, Mrs. C. H. Kan, Miss Hu Mok-lan (daughter of the late Mr. Hu Han-min), Messrs. H. F. and K. Y. Tung (secretaries), and members of the general committee.

The bazaar which will continue till to-morrow at the premises of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce, Connaught Road Central (near the Vehicular Ferry wharf), will be transferred over to the Chinese Products Exhibition grounds on Dec. 22.

The Society desires to extend its heartfelt thanks to the Chairman and Committee of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce for the loan of the premises and for a monetary contribution.

THE WEATHER

A noticeable drop in temperature was recorded yesterday the maximum being 67 and the minimum 57 compared with 72 and 63 on Tuesday.

Total rainfall since January 1 is 117.59 inches against an average of 84.73.

The Royal Observatory reports:

An intense anticyclone is stationary over China and the neighbouring seas. The depression is moving slowly eastward across Central and Northern Japan. Pressure remains low to the east of the Southern Philippines.

HEALTH RETURNS

The following is the Return of notifiable diseases notified as having occurred in the Colony during the 24 hours ended at midnight on Dec. 17:—Cholera, three cases; Diphtheria, four cases; Enteric Fever, two cases; Measles, three cases; Chicken-Pox, one case; Syphilis, six cases; Tuberculosis, 53 cases (two imported).

ROUND THE POLICE COURTS

AT CENTRAL

THEFT OF NAME-PLATE

Charged with attempting to steal a brass name-plate affixed to the doorway of the Nanking Commercial and Savings Bank at No. 65 Connaught Road Central, 13 Sze-wai, 28, unemployed, of No. 404 Lockhart Road, ground floor, appeared before Mr. G. T. Lowry yesterday.

Caught with a pair of pliers in his person, defendant was additionally charged with having in his possession an instrument fit for unlawful purposes.

Asked whether he was pleading guilty or not, defendant replied that he had nothing to say. Sentence of three months' hard labour was imposed. Defendant had one previous conviction.

Acting Sub-Inspr. Bryon prosecuted.

GAOL AND CANE

Sentence of seven days' hard labour and 12 strokes of the cane, to be followed by expulsion, was imposed on Chan Hung, 33, for snatching a handbag from a woman in Queen's Road, when he appeared before Mr. Barnett yesterday.

For arresting the defendant, Mok Hon-sung, unemployed taxi driver, was given a reward of \$1. Insp. Tuckett prosecuted.

STOLE EAR-RINGS

A remand for medical examination to see whether he is fit for caning was ordered when Yu Kau, 29, unemployed, was charged with larceny of a pair of gold ear-rings from a 50-year-old widow, Chan Sze, before Mr. Barnett yesterday.

Insp. F. D. B. Tuckett prosecuted.

Chung Yau, 27, unemployed, who caught the accused after a chase was subsequently rewarded with \$1 by his Worship.

PORTUGUESE GAOLED

"It is difficult to say which of you is the bigger liar, but you are both liars," remarked Mr. Hims-worth yesterday when he convicted a Portuguese youth, Leslie Alfred Castro, and Cheung Lo-pun of loitering in the Chatham Apartments.

Cheung was additionally charged with possession of an instrument, a jack, fit for unlawful purposes. Castro, who had a previous conviction for larceny, was sentenced to six weeks' hard labour, while six months' hard labour was imposed on Cheung.

THEFT AT SINCERE'S

Charged with larceny of several dozens of handkerchiefs from the Sincere Company, Hui Chung was sentenced three months' hard labour by Mr. Lowry yesterday. Defendant had two previous convictions.

STAMP SUMMONSES

Answering eight separate stamp receipt summonses, Ngan Hon, of Hung Kee Shop at No. 97 Queen's Road Central, appeared before Mr. Sheldon yesterday and was fined \$24.

AGAINST PURCHASER

Summoned before Mr. Sheldon yesterday for having in his possession for using a scale six per cent, against the purchaser, Ho Nin, of the Tung Heung shop, No. 9, Sai Street was fined \$15.

Similarly summoned, but in his case his scale was two per cent, against the purchaser, Mo Yuk was fined \$5.

DOCTOR SUMMONED

Dr. Chan Shui-ye, alias Y. S. Chan, of No. 1 Nam Kok Rd., Kowloon City, ground floor, was summoned before Mr. Sheldon yesterday for unlawfully giving a certificate of vaccination to Lau Tung at the Tung Fong boarding house, No. 197, Connaught Rd. Central, on Nov. 15, when he did not perform the operation himself.

Wong Sheung-hing, of the same address, alleged to have unlawfully performed the operation of vaccination upon Lau Tung, was also summoned.

The hearing was fixed for Jan. 6, at noon.

Mr. E. A. de B. Botelho is appearing for both defendants.

FOOD SUMMONSES

On two separate summonses, Chan Chai-sheng, of No. 27, Des Voeux Road West, ground floor, appeared before Mr. Sheldon yesterday.

In the first case in which Food Officer M. D. Watson is the complainant, defendant was alleged to have sold to Probationer Inspector Ho Hok-hoi, on Dec. 3, Saccharin in a package bearing a false or misleading statement, in that it purported to indicate the nature, substance, and quality of the article therein.

BISHOP OF MACAO PROMOTED

APPOINTMENT AS ARCHBISHOP OF GOA AND DAMAN

(Our Own Correspondent)

MACAO, Dec. 18.—Catholics and friends of the Bishop of Macao, the Most Rev. D. Jose da Costa Nunes, will be pleased to learn that his Lordship has been appointed Archbishop of Goa and Damian, Titular Archbishop of the East and Patriarch of India. News of this appointment was received locally on Saturday last through a communication from the Portuguese Minister of Colonies in Lisbon informing his Lordship of his nomination by the Holy See.

Coincidence with this happy news is the fact that today marks the 20th anniversary of his Lordship's office as Bishop of Macao; for he was first elected to this sacerdotal position on Dec. 18, 1920.

Born on March 15, 1880, in Candalaria, Pico, Azores, the young Jose da Costa Nunes studied at the Seminary of Angra but left that institution before he had finished his studies in order to come to Macao, where he arrived on June 4, 1903, as private secretary to Bishop D. Joao Paulino. However, he sat and passed for his theological examinations at the local St. Joseph's Seminary and, a few days later, on July 31, of the same year of his arrival here, celebrated his first Mass.

At the age of 26 only this young priest was already a Vicar-General and soon after became Governor of the Diocese under Bishop Paulino.

WENT TO ROME

On Nov. 23, 1920, the Governor of Macao informed him of his appointment as Bishop of Macao, to which he responded by appealing to the Archbishop Teasalonica and the Apostolic Nuncio in Lisbon to relieve him of the acceptance of this nomination. On March 17, 1920, he left Macao for Rome to place his plea before the Holy Father at the Vatican but later bowed to the wishes of the Church authorities.

Immediately after his consecration as Bishop of Macao in Matriz da Horta on Nov. 20, 1921, he began his Apostolic peregrinations which has taken him on a visit to nearly all the Eastern missions. On Aug. 9, 1930, his Lordship again went to Rome to decline his appointment as Superior General of the Portuguese Catholic Mission Society and conferred with the Secretary of State at the Vatican. This time his request was upheld.

Wong Man-keung is complainant in the second case in which defendant is alleged to have applied false trade description to goods, a mixture of Saccharin and potash alum, and to have in possession for sale, or for purposes of trade or manufacture, goods of Saccharin and potash alum, to which a false trade description was applied.

Mr. Kwan is appearing for the prosecution, and Mr. H. A. de B. Botelho for the defence.

Hearing was fixed for Jan. 2, at 2.30 p.m.

VOLUNTEER GAOLED

Cleveland Tam, alias Tam Yim-choi, 19, of No. 24 Tai Yuen Street, second floor, salesman, and a member of the Third Battery, Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps, appeared before Mr. Lowry yesterday on a charge of stealing three suits of overalls from the Headquarters of the H. K. V. D. C.

Capt. E. N. Thursby, Adjutant of the H. K. V. D. C., was present as complainant.

Sgt. Cullinan prosecuted and asked Mr. Lowry to take a serious view of the case.

Defendant pleaded guilty and was sentenced to three months' hard labour.

ALLEGED BURGLARS

Charged with breaking into the house at No. 32 The Peak and subsequently stealing a brown tweed jacket and a pair of grey flannel trousers, the property of Mr. J. Hart-Davis, on Dec. 17 at 3.45 a.m., Ip Ming, 28, unemployed, of an unnumbered hut at Shouson Hill, Aberdeen, and Li Chung, 28, unemployed, of no fixed abode, appeared before Mr. E. M. A. Barnett yesterday.

Sgt. Wilkinton, prosecuting, asked for a 48 hours' remand, which was granted.

POSSESSION OF REVOLVER

Pleading guilty to a charge of possessing a revolver at No. 74 Stanley Street, second floor, without a licence, Li Yiu, 48, un-



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licenced fish hawk, was sentenced to four months' hard labour when he appeared before Mr. Lowry yesterday.

Det. Sgt. T. Cashman prosecuted. Defendant had one previous conviction against the opium ordinance. The firearm was ordered to be confiscated.

AT KOWLOON

RICE DEALERS FINED
For selling rice at rates higher than those fixed by the Food Controller, two rice shopkeepers were summoned before Mr. E. Hims-worth yesterday.

The master of the Chan Lim Hing shop No. 73, Saigon Road, was fined \$80, and the master of the Ka Cheong shop, No. 30, Halphong Road, was fined \$50.

Sgt. J. Galvin prosecuted.

SUMMONS DISMISSED

Li Wong, driver of lorry No. 4773, was summoned before Mr. Macfadyen yesterday for driving in a manner dangerous to the public on Oct. 18 at Tai Po Road.

Mr. W. A. Macfadyen appeared for the accused and Traffic S. I. Brittain for the prosecution.

In evidence, the defendant said that while he was driving in Tai Po Road a boy, who was supposed to direct traffic, held out a green flag to let him pass. As there was another car approaching, the boy suddenly raised the red flag.

The summons was dismissed.

TO BE EXPELLED
Mrs. B. Pengelly, residing at No. 68 Waterloo Road, appeared before Mr. Hims-worth yesterday as complainant when Li Ting, 17, was charged with breaking and damaging two cedar trees in complainant's garden.

The defendant was bound over and is to be expelled.

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Persons desirous of registering such claims with the Custodian should do so on a special form to be obtained from him on application in person.

The Register is confined to property situated in (1) Germany within the boundaries of the Treaty of Versailles (including the Saar region) and territories ceded to Germany as a result of the Munich Agreement, 1938, together with (2) Austria according to the boundaries of the Treaty of St. Germain-en-Laye; and (3) Italy, Albania, Italian East Africa, and Italian Colonies and possessions.

Entry in the Register of any claim will not imply any recognition of its validity nor constitute any guarantee that it will eventually be supported by His Majesty's Government. The Register is opened solely with a view to facilitating whatever arrangements may be found possible after the war.

J. B. PRENTIS,

Custodian of Enemy Property.
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BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Certificates 6/NS. 442 dated Hongkong, 16th January, 1936 for Three shares of this Bank numbered 97994/97996 inclusive registered in the names of Messrs. Manek Roostumjee Mehta and Dhun Manek Mehta has been Lost or Stolen, and should this certificate not be produced to the Bank before the 11th January, 1941, a new certificate for the shares will be issued, and the aforesaid Certificate No. 6/NS. 442 will be thereafter treated by this Corporation as Null and Void.

By Order of the Court
of Directors.V. M. GRAYBURN,
Chief Manager.FOUR WEDDINGS
AT REGISTRY

The following weddings took place at the Registry, Supreme Court, yesterday:

Mr. Chui Man-huen, of the China National Tea Co., of No. 1, Hill Road, and Miss Ho Gt-fong, of No. 70, Peel Street.

Mr. Hong Shiu-kee, residing at No. 249, Hennessy Road, and Miss Mak Fuen-mei, of No. 9, Lee Tung Street.

Mr. Mak Ying-chol, dental mechanic of the Queen Mary Hospital, and Miss Yip Sau-lan, of No. 16, Wa In Fong Street.

Mr. Wong Kok-lau, of No. 27, Wal Ching Street, and Miss Lucie Banker, of No. 70, Parkes Street.

Mr. J. Reynolds, Deputy Registrar of Marriages, officiated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following forthcoming marriages are announced:

Mr. Lam Shui-ki, teacher, residing at Nam Wan Po Village, Taipo Market, and Miss Cheung Sui-fong, teacher, of Tai Po Old Market.

Mr. Liu Kwok-fan, shopkeeper, of No. 144, Prince Edward Road, Kowloon, and Miss Ng Wing-dun, of No. 39, Argyle Street.

Mr. Au Kan-shek, schoolmaster, residing at No. 73 Spring Garden Lane, and Miss Loo Chiu-sui, teacher, of No. 58, Spring Garden Lane.

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AID FOR CHINA

THE ATTEMPTS which the Japanese press is making to belittle the significance of the latest offer of aid to China from Soviet Russia indicate already how disappointed the Japanese are by their failure to alienate Russian sympathy from the Chinese cause. It is, in fact, an admission that the Japanese realise that China's economic position has been greatly strengthened and that, coming so soon after the financial assistance offered to the Chinese Government from the United States and Britain, the Russian credit will make it even more difficult for the Japanese to try to embarrass China economically by means of the blockade which they felt sure would reduce the Chinese to a state of penury. The statement that the Soviet offer is in an entirely different category from the credits which America and Britain have granted to China does not in any way discount the fact that a fresh flow of goods, much of which will undoubtedly consist of war material, will now reach the Chinese over the Sino-Russian highway, apart from the anticipated sea-borne traffic from Vladivostok.

THE MOST IMPORTANT effect of this reiteration of Sino-Soviet friendship is that it completely bars the way to any hopes that Japan might have entertained, on instructions from Berlin, to so patch up her disagreements with the Soviet that Japan might in turn benefit from Russian trade. With embargoes imposed by the United States and Britain on practically all the essentials she needs for war purposes, Japan's internal difficulties, particularly from the economic point of view, will react even more unfavourably by reason of the Soviet offer to China. Where to get her raw materials and scrap iron is a problem that must be having a very disturbing influence on Japanese manufacturers, for the little that they have been able to squeeze out of Indo-China and the few crumbs that have fallen to them from the Netherlands East Indies can hardly satisfy the demands imposed on them to keep their war machine working smoothly.

ANGLO-U.S. TIES

THE OPENING of the American Eagle Club in London on Tuesday, before a large and distinguished gathering of American and English guests, has provided the rest of the world with yet another demonstration of the close ties which bind the two English-speaking democracies in the stand they have taken to free civilisation from the menace of totalitarian aggression. The ceremony, indeed, gave the lie in no uncertain terms to the baseless propaganda of the Axis Powers that democracy is decadent and that only the ruthless misrule of the Totalitarians can bring about normal conditions. The speakers included prominent British and American personalities, who paid striking

AXIS IN A TIGHT SPOT:

ITALIANS LEFT TO FIGHT
ALONE ALONG THE WHOLE
MEDITERRANEAN FRONT

"Italy has now been left to fight on her own along the whole of the Mediterranean front," said M. Sabrini, a member of a distinguished Greek family, in the course of a broadcast talk from London yesterday, when he spoke on the effect of the Greek victories and the operations in North Africa in their relation to the whole situation in the Mediterranean.

"While the Greeks have struck a smashing blow on the right, the British have now followed it up with a heavy attack on the left. The question of help to Italy from Germany is interesting. The German view is that Italy is having a hard time and that meanwhile help will be given by constant attacks on England."

STEADY PRESSURE

The speaker referred briefly to the cautious, but steady pressure which the Greeks have maintained from the moment that they took the offensive against the Italians. Reports of the capture of various heights, while they apparently showed no importance, were always followed by news of the capture of an important town or position.

The greatest credit was due to a manner in which General Metaxas had given instructions for the conduct of the war and to the general staff and the officers and men who had carried them out. In many cases, these strategic heights had been taken at the point of the bayonet.

"To appreciate the full significance of this, you must realise that the Greeks are not fighting for military conquest, but merely to protect their land from aggression," said the speaker. "The Greek resistance shook the Italians and the morale began to crack."

"It is well known that when the morale of an army begins to break, it is serious. It means that food supplies arrive irregularly and in insufficient quantities. The soldier begins to grumble. He doubts his ability to resist and uneasiness born fear is aroused and fear is more devastating than any other human emotion."

LIFE IN GREECE

After pointing out how the Italian communication lines had

tributed to the high ideals which had prompted numbers of young men from the United States to offer their services to help Britain in her fight, despite the fact that American policy is strictly governed by the principle of not being involved actively in the hostilities in Europe.

IN VIEW of this almost unanimous expression of public feeling in the United States on the justice of the British cause, one is often tempted to ask why the Nazis persist in their subtle attempts to arouse American sentiment against Britain and her allies and whether their leaders seriously believe that their hateful Fifth Column activities in the United States have even the smallest chances of succeeding. The answer is that the Axis partners fully recognise America as the great storehouse of the world, from which every requirement, from food to guns, can flow to the different corners of the world. If they succeed in convincing the Americans of the so-called iniquities of British administration, they feel that their troubles will be over and that Britain and her Empire will be isolated. Unfortunately, the black record and the black deeds of the Germans and their friends speak more eloquently than all their scurrilous propaganda and the answer to the Axis was given further emphasis by the opening of the American Eagle Club—yet another link in the chain of friendship which binds the two countries together politically, economically and socially.

become harder to maintain as the Greeks steadily captured strategic heights, the speaker went on to emphasise that the Greek soldier was fighting to protect his native land against an enemy whose heart was not in the struggle. He did not fight according to any organised rules.

"You must remember," he said, "the life in Greece is not a matter of finely organised rules. When ever something goes wrong, the Greeks always have a knack of finding a way out of it."

The speaker gave several examples to support this statement from his own personal experiences while travelling in Greece.

"That is the spirit," he declared, "which makes the Greek soldiers drag their heavy guns up mountain heights and to make forced marches along mountainous roads."

BRITISH HELP

The speaker went on to pay a tribute to the assistance given Greece by Britain. "Our pilots fly wing to wing with our allied airmen," he said, "and the assistance we received was indeed well timed as it broke the force of the Italian attacks."

"Later, when the Italians used their planes to bomb military objectives, the British airmen gave them such a shock that they have now confined themselves to attack non-military objectives. British help had gone even further than that, to the extent of supplying the Greeks with blankets and other war equipment."

"The defeat of the Italian troops in Africa is another heavy blow which must affect their morale even more," continued the speaker. "In the meantime, the Italians have showed themselves to be particularly unhappy about the question of German assistance. This is not hard to understand, because the Italians are now in a fair way to losing their port of Bologna, in Albania. There is no doubt that the Greeks really put the Axis Powers in a tight spot."

YUNNAN RAIDED
BY JAPANESE

Kunming and several points on the Burma highway in Yunnan were raided by Japanese aircraft. Kunming was under air raid alarm for more than five hours from 9.30 a.m. to 3.04 p.m.

Flying from their bases in Indo-China, ten Japanese planes penetrated into Yunnan yesterday morning. After carrying out reconnaissance flight over wide areas, they dropped several bombs in the vicinity of Paoshan on the Burma highway, following which they flew back to Indo-China, says Central News.

Round The
Police Courts

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AUTOMATIC RIFLE

Charged before Mr. Macfadyen yesterday with possession of a 22 calibre automatic rifle without a licence, Yim Sang, 29, room boy, was fined \$10 and the weapon was confiscated.

Det. Sgt. N. B. Fraser said the defendant claimed to have been the bodyguard of the commanding officer of the Chinese 156th Division.

BURGLARY ALLEGED

Wong Sui-po, 37, appeared before Mr. Macfadyen yesterday charged with breaking into No. 43, Tai Nam Street, second floor, about 2.30 a.m. on Nov. 11 and stealing from Tsang Hop Yee a quantity of gold articles.

Det. Sgt. Baldwin asked for a remand of three days which was granted.

GUN DUEL SEGUEL

Cheung Wan, 21, who was arrested following a gun duel with the Police at Klong Street on Dec. 13, appeared before Mr. Himsforth yesterday for another remand of six days on charges of attempted murder, shooting with intent to prevent lawful apprehension and possession of a revolver and six rounds of ammunition without a licence.

Conspiracy
Alleged

Further evidence was given before Mr. Lowry at the Central Court yesterday in the case in which Wong Hah-fong and Cheung Kung-hop were charged with having conspired with another, not in custody, to threaten Tang King-wai with injury to his person to force the latter to drop the prosecution of an action in the Supreme Court against first defendant and the Kin Kee Trading Company.

The intimidation charge was dismissed.

In evidence, first defendant said that complainant who was in his employ at that time, secretly removed 2,700 tins of wood oil, valued at more than \$100,000, in March from a storage in Sha Yu Chung. Complainant told him about the sale but failed to produce the money.

He denied having instructed Cheung to demand from complainant payment of the sum.

Hearing was adjourned to Dec. 31 at 2.30 p.m.

NEWSETTES

Under the auspices of the Sailors' Home and Missions to Seamen, a dance for seafarers will be held at the Sailors' Home and Seamen's Institute on Friday, Dec. 20, at 9 p.m.

The Early Closing Ordinance, requiring all shops to close at 8 p.m. will be suspended by Government from Dec. 22 to Dec. 24 (inclusive), Dec. 30 to Dec. 31 (inclusive) and from Jan. 23 to Jan. 26, 1941 (inclusive).

Mr. Liu Ya-tse, well-known Kuomintang writer and leading member of the Central Supervisory Committee, has arrived in Hongkong from Shanghai accompanied by Mrs. Liu.

The death has occurred in Chungking of Mr. Shen Si-ling, well-known Chinese playwright, who succumbed to typhoid fever. Mr. Shen joined the Central Movie Studio after the outbreak of the current hostilities. Two of his best known pictures are "Children of China" and "Within One Year."

The marriage took place on Dec. 7, at Shanghai, of Kitty, only daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Marcel Rottwin of Shanghai, to Fritz, son of the late L. Freundlich, and Mrs. M. Freundlich, of New Rochelle, N.Y.

After leading by the odd goal in three at the interval, Royal Corps of Signals defeated a Naval team by four goals to one in a hockey match yesterday at King's Park.

Letters of administration to the estate of the late Mrs. Winnie Wong alias Wong Chan Sz Suk Ying, who died at No. 16, Essex Crescent, Kowloon Tong, on Dec. 23, 1939, have been granted to Mr. James Kam Ning Wong. The estate was sworn as being under \$24,000.

NOVEMBER AIR RAID
CASUALTY FIGURES

LONDON, Dec. 18 (Reuters)—A total of 4,588 civilians, men, women and children, were killed during German air raids on Britain during November, while 6,202 were injured and detained in hospital, the Ministry of Home Security announced yesterday.

These figures include 493 children under 18 years of age killed and 458 injured.

AN INTERVIEW WITH HITLER:
NAZI FANATICISM SHOWN
IN DESCRIPTION OF THE
GERMAN FUEHRER

A most descriptive account of an interview he had with Herr Hitler and his impressions of the German Fuehrer was given in a broadcast talk by COL. M. G. CHRISTIE, the B.B.C. commentator, from London on Wednesday night in his final address in the series "Here Lies the Nazi."

Col. Christie first referred to a statement by Herr Hitler in which the Nazi leader said: "We do not want war in the air, but having accepted it, we shall continue it to the end. I did not want it and I was always opposed to it."

HAS HE FORGOTTEN?

Refuting this statement, Col. Christie said: "Has he forgotten July 1938 when he got the Austrian Chancellor to Berlin and threatened to bomb Vienna to ruins if he did not accept Nazi domination? Has he forgotten how he threatened M. Hacha, the Czechoslovakian Premier, in the same way unless he accepted the terms of his ultimatum? And when he invaded Poland, it was on his orders that the bombing and shooting down of Polish citizens and destroying of villages and towns was carried out in broad daylight."

"No wonder," declared the speaker, "that an American paper called his recent speech 'a labyrinth of lies.'"

AN INTERVIEW

Col. Christie then went on to relate an interview he had with Herr Hitler.

"I remember my first conversation with him," he said. "It was in 1932. We met in his private suite in a hotel. I had previously sent him a list of questions which I wanted him to answer."

"There were only four persons in the room at the interview—Herr Hitler, Herr Hess, an economic officer and myself. When I entered he looked me over and scrutinised me, for several seconds. That is a trick of his and is meant to overawe the people who come to see him. I returned his look with a not altogether unfriendly manner and then sat down."

"He rarely looked at me when he spoke and occasionally turned round to the other two men in the room to get their confirmation to a statement. And then he launched out into violent propaganda. He roundly denounced Bolshevism and Moscow."

"I am afraid I did not listen to half of what he said," said Col. Christie. "I was much more interested in watching him across the table—the nervous gestures of his hands and the pictures he presented to me was really grotesque."

"He has got a small mouth, with thin lips, which show cruelty and there is nothing open or generous in any of his features. His eyelids are entirely bare of lashes and the eyes themselves are staring and glow with fanaticism. He talked on as if he was addressing an audience of thousands and not once did he smile—not once did he reveal any spark of humour."

BRITISH BUNGLING?

"I left his present quite unimpressed, but I did believe that he possessed courage. In my written notes of this first meeting with Herr Hitler there are two or three sentences not mentioned. Herr Hitler was stating his conviction that Britain had made war on Germany in 1914."

"But you British," he said, "bungled the peace treaty, having disarmed Germany, you should have deprived us of our coal fields and our industrial

centres and sent us back to the land. That would have belated us most effectively."

In the light of recent events," continued Col. Christie, "those remarks are particularly interesting. The treatment Germany is giving to the people he has conquered is the same which he suggested that we should have given them after the last war."

Col. Christie then went on to deal with several recent German broadcasts. One of these, he said, laid emphasis on the phrase "Love and Germany," which were supposed to be inseparable. In Germany, according to the German speaker, love was the keynote of the community. "It is doubtful," said Col. Christie, "where and how this love can exist in Germany shadowed as life there is by the Gestapo, concentration camps and their war machines."

NAZI LOVE CALL:

In another recent German broadcast, there was the statement that "Adolf Hitler, the simple soldier, calls to the world to know, it is the new way of life and is willing to extend it to other people."

"There is the Nazi love call," said Col. Christie "and as an example of utter hypocrisy it is hard to beat. The Jews, the Dutch, the Norwegians, the Danes and the French are already sick of this life 'under German domination'."

Col. Christie concluded his talk with an amusing example of what happens at a German broadcasting station during an air raid by British bombers. The announcer, he said, had been appealing to the people to lose no time in seeking air raid shelters and put it over the air like this: "Our Fuehrer sends us all a splendid example and he is the first to go down into the air raid shelter!"

"And there we can leave the Fuehrer with his propaganda machine as well as his box of tricks and we wish him all the blessings (?) that our bombers can bring upon his head," concluded Col. Christie.

FIGHTING IN
SOUTH HUPEH

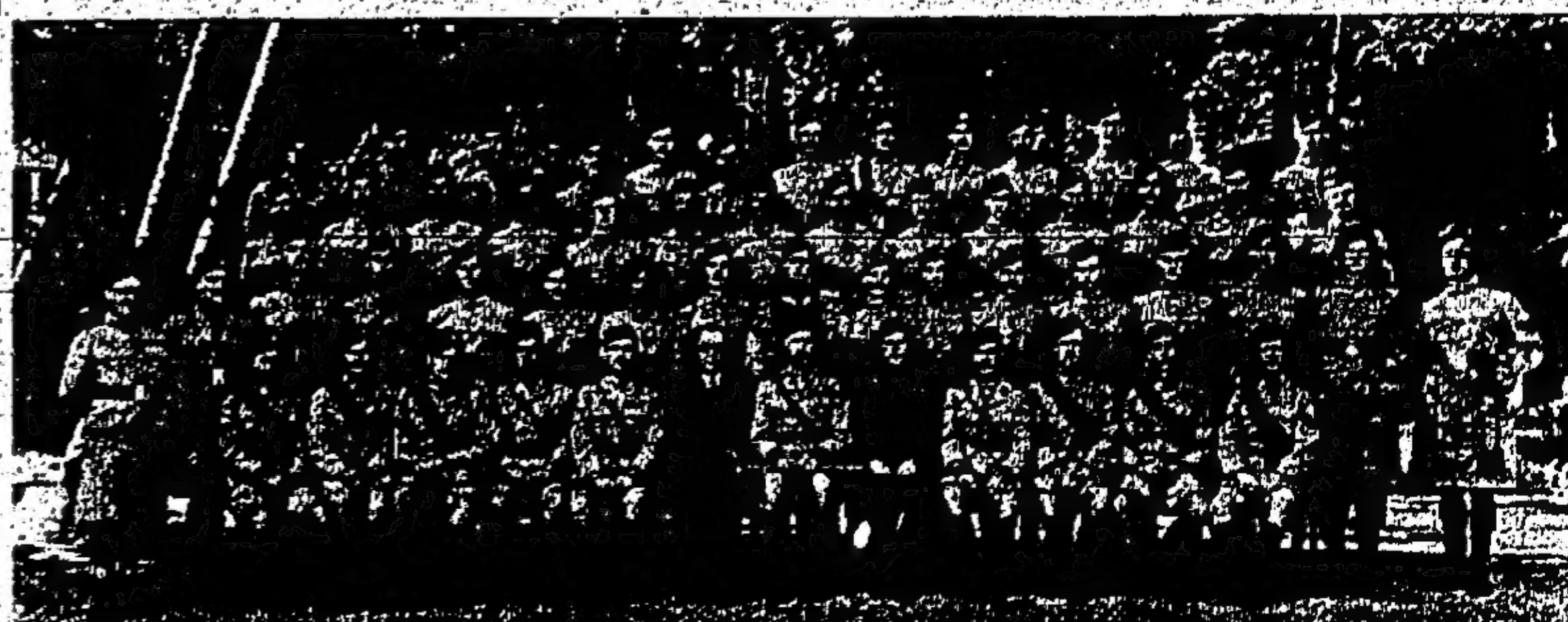
A Japanese unit from Tsungyang in south Hupeh pushed southward to Leimingling near Tungcheng. It was intercepted by the Chinese, suffering heavy losses, and retreated back to Tsungyang toward the evening. Many Japanese arms were abandoned.

Last Friday Chinese troops took the offensive at Shamaoshan in the vicinity of Tsungyang. After four hours' fighting, they routed the enemy and recovered Shamaoshan. (Central News).

"Y" DISCUSSION
GROUP

Christmas Carols will be sung at the meeting of the Y. M. C. A. Discussion Group on Sunday, Dec. 22, at 9 p.m. in the West Lounge. The Rev. F. Short will conduct the programme.

Music has been arranged by Mr. G. Brass and all are cordially invited to attend.



Members of the Scottish Company of the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps, photographed with Mr. B. Wylie, Chairman of the Hongkong St. Andrew's Society (seated sixth from the left) on the occasion of the recent Church parade. On Mr. Wylie's left is Major H. R. Forsyth, officer commanding the Company. (King's Studio)

BRITISH MECHANISED UNITS BATTERING BARDIA

Excellent Support Of Free French Forces

CAIRO, DEC. 18 (REUTERS).—BRITISH INFANTRY WERE YESTERDAY PREPARING TO PARTICIPATE IN A BIG PUSH ACROSS THE FRONTIER INTO LIBYA. They were weary but triumphant when they occupied Sollum on Monday after two days of chasing the Italians out of Egyptian territory, writes Reuter's Special correspondent in the Western Desert.

Sollum is only a tiny port surrounded by a few white houses. Above the port is Upper Sollum, the main feature of which is the large barracks belonging to the Egyptian Army but long ago blown to pieces by British bombardments while the Italians were in occupation.

With a little group of British to prepare defences have been correspondents and one American fighting with the greatest bravery. I spent the last few days watching the final stages of our assault on Sollum, the tactics for which were just as well thought out as those at other points in the present campaign.

ITALIANS SURPRISED

Sollum was first imperilled a week ago when a British armoured division, after dealing with a whole series of other objectives, came smashing through Bugbug from Sidi Barrani so quickly that the whole Catanzaro Division under General Giuseppe Amico, which had been happily en route to Sidi Barrani on normal, relief duty believing the war to be miles away, was taken completely by surprise.

The majority of its men were taken prisoner and nearly all its material was left strewn along the sides of the road.

The British tanks swept on up Sollum while others were coming up across the escarpment from the interior.

HAIL OF FIRE

A hail of fire was poured into the defenders of Sollum by the British tanks while the R.A.F. continued incessant bombings. A slight check to the British forces occurred when some tanks became bogged in the salt fields outside Sollum but this did not seriously hamper our offensive operations. The British tanks dashed on to occupy the coastal territory, beyond Bardia, 30 miles or more inside Libya.

While they did so, an infantry brigade moved up with instructions not to attack Sollum directly but contain it, letting nobody escape.

By Sunday, the defenders of Sollum, alarmed at their precarious position, had moved up to the top of the escarpment, blowing up the road leading from lower to Upper Sollum.

The British infantry pressed in on Sollum despite fire from the escarpment and, occupied. Lower Sollum without heavy casualties by Monday morning, and by the same afternoon, the Italians on the escarpment had given up.

All arrangements to receive fresh prisoners from Sollum were completed yesterday (Monday) at Bugbug, where over 12,000 had already been fed and watered before passing on.

SUPERB LEADERSHIP

The British advance continues and with tremendous impetus British troops have penetrated the Libyan frontier driving the enemy from Egyptian soil.

The almost incredible speed of the advance may have given the impression that the Italians are not resisting. This is not true.

The divisions captured in all stages were taken owing to the superb leadership of the Imperial Command.

The enemy had no time and no chance to offer resistance, but reliable reports from wounded who have been fighting near the Egyptian frontier go to show that the Italians who had ample time

"DIVISION OF LIVING SPACES"

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 18 (Reuters).—The "New Order" and the "division of living spaces" envisaged in the Axis-Japan Pact naturally have no attractions for Sweden and other small nations, declared the Foreign Minister, M. Under, speaking at Katrineholm.

This new order, he said, meant that small nations would be placed in an indicated space and would lose their independence.

Even the industries of the small States would be controlled and directed to suit the great Powers. Durable peace could not be ensured by the partition of the world along lines which made small states pauper inmates of the living space of some great power.

XMHA PROTEST

SHANGHAI, Dec. 18 (Reuters).—The manager of station XMHA has lodged a written protest with the United States Consular authorities today in connexion with the jamming of the station's programmes which is still continuing. It is now reported the jamming is being conducted by the local Japanese radio control board.

Details Of Attack On Mannheim

INNUMERABLE FIRES

The bad weather did not stop the R.A.F. from attacking the enemy in South-West Germany.

More details are now available of the attack on Mannheim, which contains the biggest inland dock in Germany. In Monday's night raid, hit after hit was made on railway communications, docks, goodyards and factories.

The British bombers went over in waves and a large number of incendiaries were dropped and the town was soon lit up by innumerable fires.

Ports and aerodromes on the French Channel coast were also attacked.

NIGHT OFF

LONDON, Dec. 18 (Reuters).—The Luftwaffe had a night off last night for the second time since the start of the blitzkrieg, no enemy planes being reported over any part of Britain during the hours of darkness.

The Air Ministry communique simply said: "Nothing to report."

LULL IN AIR ATTACKS: SINISTER WARNING

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bit over-confident and I suppose it was just that we were proud that we are able to stick it out as we did. We laughed at the foolishness of Hitler for thinking that he could get us this way. The truth is that you cannot beat any people by indiscriminately bombing their women and children.

"In the last few weeks, we had only one night bombing attack and this sinister lull has knocked all traces of confidence out of us."

Mr. Lakin next referred to the good news that Lord Beaverbrook had given them regarding the doubling of the output of the aircraft production and also of the increasing flow of planes coming to Britain from the United States.

MORAL EFFECT

"This is something that makes it imperative for Hitler to speed up his own plans," said Mr. Lakin. "Apart from the material benefit that will accrue to us, just think of the moral effect of the idea underlying the United States plan to make more planes available for us as a result of President Roosevelt's scheme which has put an end to Britain's trouble about the dollar exchange."

"This idea is nothing less than a full realisation that the armaments that will be lent to us, will be of more important use to the defence of Britain than to be left lying in the American docks and barracks. The present world situation has left no doubt that the best defence of the United States is to see that Britain should be successful in her war against the Axis Powers. The importance of this new step forward will be impossible to over-estimate."

"Now we know quite well that Herr Hitler will have to do something quickly and something drastic if he is to save his accomplished fate in Albania and Libya. He will have to do it not only for Mussolini's sake but for his

own sake. The odds are piling up and making drastic action more and more urgent for Herr Hitler."

MORE DESPERATE

"In Albania, the Greeks, aided by the R. A. F. are making things more desperate everyday for Italy but from now on we shall see the full strength of the British Commonwealth getting into its stride. In the last few weeks, Herr Hitler has seen a crack in the Axis and he must do all in his power not to let it widen. Some take the view that Herr Hitler will send his troops into Italy to boost up the Italian regime and there is no doubt that Italy is today honeycombed with Nazi agents. The Italian may wake up one day to find their country occupied by Germany and their Duce a mere quisling."

"We know the risks Herr Hitler will run, if he tries a knockout blow at us through an invasion by land, sea or air, but he has to win the battle of Britain in 1941 or renounce every hope of doing so. We shall be ready and who knows, we shall probably have one or two surprises for him too."

NUTRITION CONFERENCE IN CHUNGKING

Dr. H.H. Kung, Vice-President of the Executive Yuan and concurrently Minister of Finance, called a conference of the government officials and civil leaders concerned to discuss the nutrition problem.

Among the conferees were General Chan Chai-tong, Minister of Agriculture and Forestry, Mr. Ku Cheng-kang, Minister of Social Welfare, General Wu Chung-hsin, Chairman of the Mongolian and Tibetan Affairs Commission, and

SURVEY WORK BEGINS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18 (Reuters).—Active work has started on the surveying of a chain of air and naval bases in South and Central America, according to authoritative sources.

Bases available for forces of all the 21 Republics will be provided by the various States and will remain the property of these States.

It is understood the United States will finance the fortifications, probably by loans to the nations concerned through the medium of export and import bank.

Although most of the sites have been selected, their location are classified as military secrets.

None are connected with the bases Britain leased to the United States.

ITALIANS RETREATING TO DERNÄ

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French forces into a first class fighting unit and they are working excellently with their British comrades.

LIKE A TONIC

The enthusiasm of the Australian units in particular has acted like a tonic to the others and the Australians are glad of a chance to show they can fight as well as their fathers did before.

The Italian morale has sunk to zero and the older Italians are beginning to get fearful of the effect of German influence in Italy.

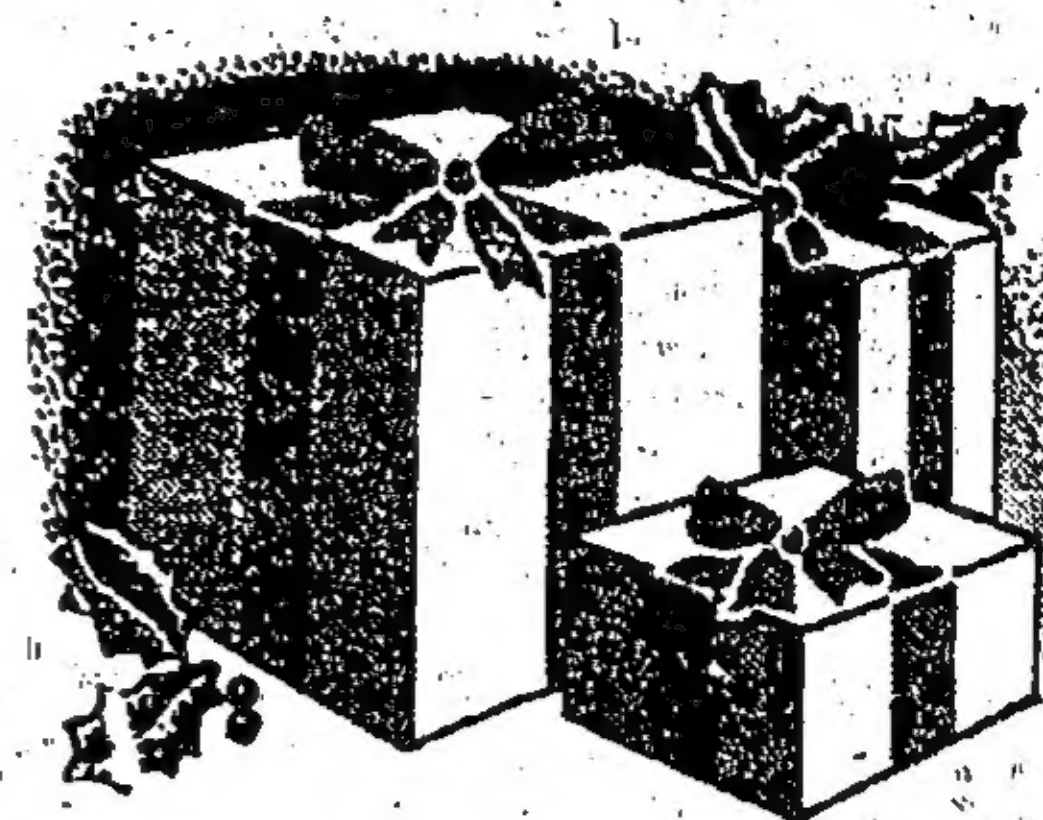
A message from New Delhi states that 20,000 Italian prisoners are to be interned in India.

New British successes are also reported in East Africa. A Nairobi communique reports

an attack on a post in Somaliland by forces which included South African and Gold Coast units.

The South African Air Force co-operated in this attack and dropped two-and-a-half tons of bombs. Fifty of the enemy were killed and prisoners taken, including Italian officers and 50 Colonial infantrymen. Three guns, several machine-guns and large quantities of stores were taken by the British forces, whose casualties were very slight.

British fighter planes drove off one Italian plane. The Italian machine jettisoned its bombs on sighting our fighters. One Caproni bomber was brought down by British planes.

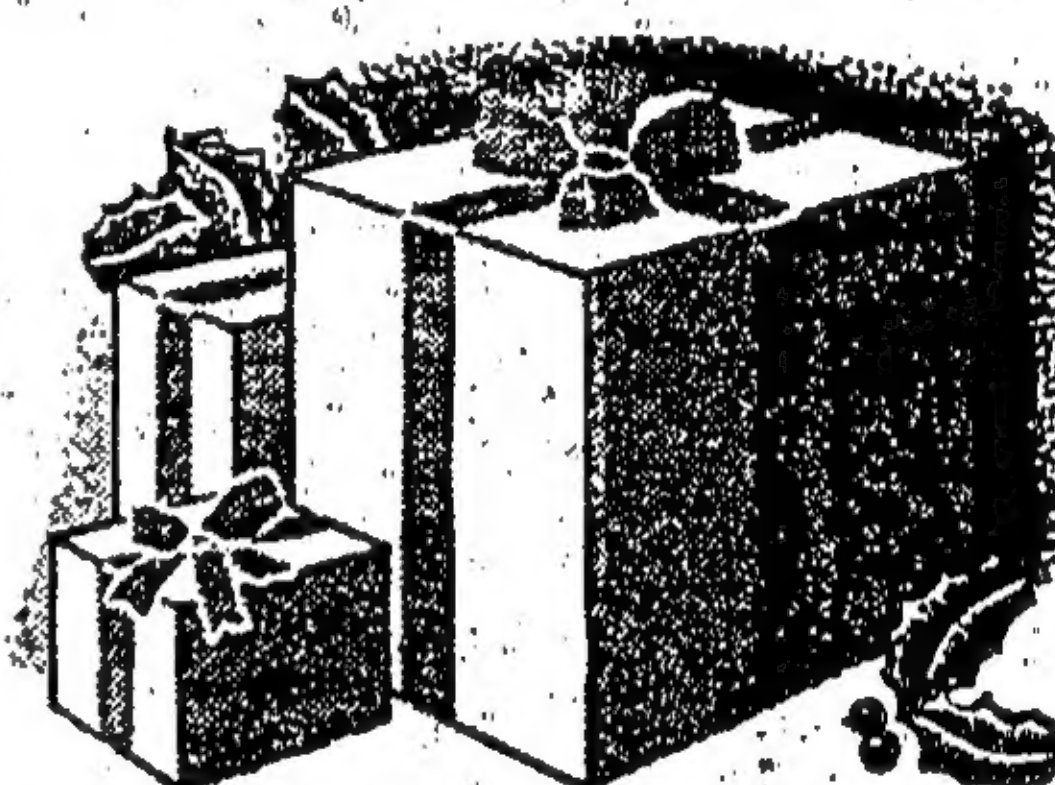


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POLICE REPORTS

Acting Sub-Inspector Kelly, of the Police, has reported the theft of a film camera, valued at \$250, from his residence at No. 174 Prince Edward Road on Dec. 17.

The theft of a quantity of clothing, to the value of \$43, from No. 652 Nathan Road has been reported to the Police by Hung Ping-kan.

Mr. Chen Shu-jen, Chairman of the Overseas Affairs Commission. It was decided that the government should exert the greatest effort to attain the highest nutrition standard for the people by scientific methods.

A presidium comprising the Vice-President of the Executive Yuan, the Ministers of Education, Economic Affairs, Agriculture and Forestry, and Social Welfare, the Director of the National Health Administration, the Comptroller-General of the National Government Headquarters, the Mayor of Chungking, and the Speaker of the Chungking Provisional People's Assembly was formed for the Better Nutrition Movement. (Central

Allies' Strength Grows As Mussolini's Wanes

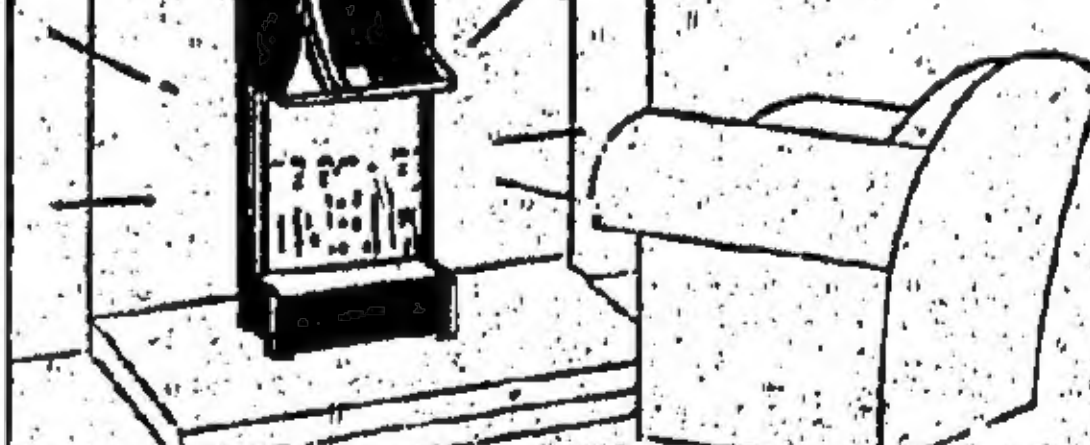
"The Italian people know in their hearts that they are fighting on the wrong side of this war and that is why they are surrendering by the thousands," said MR. HUGH DALTON, Minister of Economic Warfare, when he spoke in London yesterday, says a London message.

"Even the Alpines are surrendering to the Greeks in Albania. In the last war the Alpines never surrendered—they died like heroes defending their country against the German invader. This is not Italy's war—it is Mussolini's war—and he knows he faces defeat."

"While the Allies' strength grows, Signor Mussolini's strength wanes." Mr. Dalton expressed the opinion that there should be increased bombing of targets in Italy.

"But we have not enough bombers at the moment," he said, "though soon we shall have more and then our bombing will be carried out to a greater extent than it is now."

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ITALIAN PROPAGANDA IS TRYING TO CHEER UP MORALE OF PEOPLE

ITALIAN PROPAGANDA IS TRYING TO CHEER UP THE MORALE OF THE PEOPLE by reminding them of defeats which the Italians have suffered in other wars before they were finally victorious, says a London message.

An example of this is called to their attention in the Abyssinian campaign where things had not gone right at first.

Italian propaganda insists that the Italian spirit cannot be defeated and claims that time is on the side of the Italians.

Stern measures are being taken against those who listen to foreign broadcasts and the Rome radio declared that a good Italian gets his news from the Italian com-

IN GENERAL TERMS

As, however, these are only in general terms this statement will not have much of an impression on the Italian civilians.

It is stated that up to date the Italians have not admitted the fall of Sollum and Fort Capuzzo.

LAMMERTS' AUCTIONS

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE undersigned have received instructions

to sell by

PUBLIC AUCTION

on

Friday, the 20th December, 1940
commencing at 2.30 p.m.

at their Sales Room, No. 35, Han-kow Road, Kowloon.

A QUANTITY OF VALUABLE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE

Comprising:—

Teakwood Bedsteads, Wardrobes, Dressing Tables, Chests of Drawers, Washstands, Sideboards, Dinner Waggon, Dining Tables, Chairs, Tables, Stands, Cupboards, Chesterfield Suites, Hatstands, Desks, Cabinets, Bookcases, Screens, Rattan Furniture, etc., etc.

Carpets, Rugs, Perambulators, Gramophones, Records, Cutlery, Electric Table Fans and Heaters, Brass, Glass and Porcelain Ware, Pictures, Clocks, Candles, Ornaments, Cooking Utensils, etc., etc.

also

A QUANTITY OF BLACKWOOD FURNITURE

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1 Electric Washing Machine
1 "Underwood" Typewriter 24"
1 Cooking Stove
1 Exhaust Fan
1 Adding Machine
1 "Agfa" Projector 16 mm.

On View from Thursday, the 19th December, 1940.

Terms: Cash on Delivery.

LAMMERT BROS.
AUCTIONEERS.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE undersigned have received instructions from the Liquidators and Others

to sell by

PUBLIC AUCTION

on

Monday, the 23rd December, 1940
commencing at 10 a.m.

at their Sales Room, No. 2, Connaught Road, Central, Room No. 205, Second Floor.

A SELECTION OF HOUSEHOLD ELECTRIC APPARATUS, DAKIN PATENT MEDICINE AND SUNDRIES

comprising:—

1 B and L (Micro Photographic) Apparatus
1 Switchboard
1 Imprinter Machine
1 Heating Apparatus
1 Stand for Theodolite
Samsons Electric Combination Sandwich Toasters and Waffle Makers, Electric Coffee Makers, Electric Cookers, Electric Hot Pads, Dakins Cod Liver Oil, Chemical Food, Carlsbad Salt, Halibut Oil, Tooth Brushes, Typhoon Lamps, etc., etc.

also

A Quantity of Glass Dressing Syringes, Urethral Syringes, Eye Baths, Beakers, Drop Bottles and Empty Ampoules

and

1 Rheimetal Portable Typewriter (almost new).

On View from Saturday, the 21st December, 1940.

Terms: Cash on Delivery.

LAMMERT BROS.
AUCTIONEERS.

LAMMERTS' AUCTIONS

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE undersigned have received instructions from the Marshal in Prize, Supreme Court.

to sell by

PUBLIC AUCTION

on

Thursday, the 19th December, 1940
commencing at 10 a.m.

at their Sales Room, No. 2, Connaught Road, Central, Room No. 205, Second Floor.

A QUANTITY OF MISCELLANEOUS GOODS

comprising:—

Coffee, Sugar, Rice, Clothing, Soaps, Woollen Goods, Vermicelli, etc., etc.

Terms: Cash on Delivery.

LAMMERT BROS.
AUCTIONEERS.

A.R.P. ORDERS

DECEMBER 18, 1940

A.R.P. Orders issued by Wing Commander A. H. S. Steele-Perkins, O.B.E., Director of Air Raid Precautions.

SPECIAL ORDER

The Director of Air Raid Precautions wishes all members of the Hongkong Corps of Air Raid Wardens a Happy Christmas and a peaceful and prosperous New Year.

ATTESTATION OF WARDENS There will be no attestation of Wardens in Hongkong or Kowloon on Dec. 24, 25, and 31, 1940 or on Jan. 1, 1941. The next attestation of Wardens in Hongkong will be on Friday, Dec. 27, and in Kowloon on Monday, Dec. 30, 1940.

DRESS

Members of the Corps who may be attending official functions at Government House when uniform is ordered for other services will wear the uniform of the Hongkong Corps of Air Raid Wardens.

REPLACEMENT OF BADGES In future, replacement of A.R.P. Badges, which are lost, will only be made against payment of \$1 each which must accompany all requests for replacements.

CANES

A standard cane has been approved and should be carried by all Officers of Deputy Divisional Rank and above, when in uniform. These canes can be obtained from the Training Officer at a cost of \$2 each and Officers should obtain same before the Parade on 21st instant.

STRENGTH-INCREASE The following Wardens have been permitted to resign:—449 U. J. Rummah on transfer to the Auxiliary Fire Service, S/W 522 H. Bakkeren, Upper Levels, on account of private affairs; 256 (T) Miss C. Rocha, Central, on grounds of ill health; 30 Wong Kat-kong, 1511 G/W, J. W. Ambuster, 1693 Lam Ying, 1718 Chen Nam-wah, 1717 Chau Ming-tak, 2589 Miss Ho Kwai-han, 2600 Miss Ho Kwai-hing, 31 Miss Wong Ngai-wah, 2735 Miss S. C. Yeung, 158 Mak Shui-lee on leaving the Colony; 1938 S/W Miss Tsui Yuet-fung, 1982 Miss Shui Kwong-ha, 1983 Miss Lo Suk-mut, and 1050 Mrs. B. Bailey on transfer to the Medical Services.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE 154 F. M. Britto is granted leave of absence as from Dec. 24 to Jan. 3, 1941; Dep. Divisional Warden (F.O.) Central R. Dornier is granted leave as from Dec. 22 to Jan. 11, 1941; 157 Mak Wing-hin, Central, granted 40 days leave of absence, from Dec. 15.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS 3005 Miss Yu Ming-luen, M.K., to 39 Queen's Road W., 2nd floor, Western; 550 Wong Leung, U.L., to 220 Queen's Rd. C., Central; 1337 Chai King-cheuk, U.L., to 27 Sai Wah Fong, 1st floor, Eastern; 1882 Leung Yiu-wing, Shamshui, to 55 Argyle Street, 3rd floor, M.K.; 1765 Miss Tang Tze-wan, M.K., to 24 Eastern St., 1st floor, Western; 919 Li Hing, Eastern, to 33 Maple Street, 2nd fl., Shamshui; 561 Chan Kim-leung, Upper Levels, to 27 Sau Wah Fong, 1st floor, Eastern; 814 Chan Yuk-woo, Eastern, to 728 Nathan Rd., 2nd floor, Mongkok; 2985 Li Chiu-hing, Western, to 28 Square Street, 1st fl., Upper Levels.

APPOINTMENTS The following appointments are notified with effect from Dec. 18—2945 Kwong Tze-sang, to be Deputy District Warden "E", Central Division; 705 G/W, Pang Kai-chow, to be Deputy District Warden "E", Eastern Division.

PROMOTIONS The following promotions are notified with effect from Dec. 18—13 Western Division, to be Deputy Group Wardens—Dep. Senior Warden, 1009 Miss Lai Yu-hing, L.A.R.P.S.

\$3 MILLION VOTE BEFORE FINANCE COMMITTEE FOR MORE A.R.P. SHELTERS

WAR EXPENDITURE (EXTRAORDINARY LOCAL DEFENCE) WILL ACCOUNT FOR \$3,000,000 OF THE SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION, totalling \$3,258,557, which will come up for consideration of the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council which will go into session following the meeting of the Council today.

It is explained that it has been decided to put in hand certain measures, such as the construction of tunnels, concrete pens, etc., for the protection of the civil population against air attack and a sum of \$1,000,000 has already been voted for this purpose. The Finance Committee has also agreed informally to the appropriation of an additional sum of \$2,000,000 before the end of the current financial year and to the provision of further funds in the Estimates for 1941-42 in order that the programme which is envisaged may be carried out as early as possible.

Work on the construction of tunnels has progressed more speedily than was anticipated and as it is considered desirable to proceed on with the tunnelling without disturbing the present allotment of funds for the other types of protection, it is proposed to earmark a further sum of \$1,000,000 for this purpose during the current financial year and to reduce the provision to be made in the 1941-42 Estimates accordingly.

MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES Another big vote of \$100,000 under the head Miscellaneous Services (Miscellaneous Papers) is requested in order to meet estimated expenditure of Government printing, up to the end of the financial year.

Until recently the bulk of Government printing was done at the Stanley Prison Printing Shop, but now it is all done by Messrs. Noronha and Co., Ltd., the Government Printers.

The cost of printing done at the Prison was met from Head 17, sub-head 48, Stationery, Prison Printing Shop, under which sub-head \$130,000 is provided in the current estimates. However, expenditure under this sub-head has now ceased and it is necessary to supplement Head 17, sub-head 41, Miscellaneous Papers, by a sum of \$100,000.

OTHER VOTES Other votes to come up for consideration follows:—

Colonial Secretary's Office—Electric Fans and light, \$100; Defence (H.K.V.D.C.)—Special expenditure: two filing cabinets, \$220; (A.R.P.) Badges, \$1,750; Publications and translations, \$3,000; Special Expenditure: Air Raid Wardens' equipment, \$9,000; District Office, South—Conveyance allowances, \$351; Education Department—Allowances to Examiners, \$150; Rent (Tai-po, Normal School for Women and Normal School at Tai-po), \$90; Transport, \$2,800.

and S/W 1051 Chiang Chi-keung; To be Deputy Senior Warden—Warden 1003 Chan Tso-shut; Central Division. To be Group Wardens—294 Dep. G/W Woo Wing-hong, 241 Dep. G/W Yeung Yew-cheong. To be Acting Senior Wardens—1697 Chan Sik-ka and 251 Miss Cheung Tak-chun. To be Deputy Senior Wardens—394 Hung Hing-yiu, 147 Wong Wah-hing, 1015 Cheng Kam-wan, 318 Wong Yung-ki; Shamshui Division. To be Deputy Senior Wardens—1318 Pun Yui-tung, 1322 Miss So Yuk-ling, 1331 Miss Law Shuk-hing; Shamshui Division. To be Acting Senior Wardens—2423 Yuen Kee-cheung, 1916 Dep. W. Kwok Yung-lun, 1898 Dep. S/W Miss Chan Fung-yue. To be Deputy Senior Wardens—1914 Wong Yung-chai, 2417 Chiu Bak-tak 2008 Leung Man-chi, 2687 Gilman Tung.

TRANSFER Temporary Divisional Warden, M. E. Bevan, A.R.P. Training Officer, transferred from Western Division to A.R.P. Headquarters.

REVERSATIONS S/W 1745 Liu Chai-man, Mongkok, referred to rank of Warden at his own request.

TRAINING Shamshui—Meeting. There will be a meeting of District Wardens and their Deputies in the Yee Kai Street Dispensary, on Thursday, Dec. 19, 5.30 p.m.

INSTRUCTIONAL COURSE Wardens Classes in Chinese (Syllabus "A") C276 Yew Yeung School, 178 Ma Tau Wei Road, Kowloon. Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays at 7 p.m. commencing on Dec. 24. Lecturer—Kwan Yew-kwen, L.A.R.P.S. C277 Queen's College, Hollywood Road. Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays at 7 p.m. commencing on Dec. 1. Lecturer—Mr. Lai Hang-man, L.A.R.P.S. C278 A.R.P. School, Happy Valley. Mondays and Thursdays at 7 p.m. commencing on Dec. 12. Lecturer—Miss P. Chak, L.A.R.P.S.

EXAMINATION RESULTS The following members of the St. John's Ambulance Brigade have passed the full A.R.P. Anti-Gas Course and A.R.P. Voluntary Aid Course and have qualified as instructors (St. John's Ambulance Brigade), L.A.G.I. Chai Ling-tut, Cheung Tak-man. The following telephoneists (A.R.P. Services) have qualified as Wardens—Gough Hill—1524 (T) Mrs. L.

THE OVALTINE BREAKFAST HABIT

The first need of the day is for a nourishing, sustaining breakfast. This applies to every member of the family and there are few exceptions to the rule. A foundation is necessary for the activities of the day, whether these are mental or physical, and this is only possible when breakfast is a complete meal.

As hundreds of thousands of housewives have discovered, the finest natural foundation is a food which embodies the nutritive elements extracted from Nature's foods which are richest in nourishment—eggs, milk and malt. The food they serve is Ovaltine, the delicious tonic food beverage, because in this food the natural properties of these three ingredients are scientifically concentrated.

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Post Office, Wireless and Broadcasting (Broadcasting)—Rent of studios and offices, \$600.

Prisons Department—Rations for Indian warders, \$6,200.

Public Works Department and Water Works (Public Works Dept.)—Rent of public telephones, \$20; (Water Works)—Rent of public telephones, \$250.

Public Works Recurrent and Water Works (Public Works)—Miscellaneous: maintenance of vehicular ferry piers and Jubilee Street and Jordan Road, \$4,700.

Secretariat for Chinese Affairs and Labour Office (Secretariat for Chinese Affairs)—Personal emoluments, \$27,883; Conveyance allowances, \$90.

Stores Department—Conveyance allowances, \$800; Firewood (all departments), \$2,000; Maintenance of Stores, \$350; Rent of public telephones, \$25.

Treasury—stamps \$1,500.

Public Works Extraordinary—Buildings. Rat Examination Building at Victoria Mortuary, \$2,900; temporary buildings for H.K.V.D.C., \$17,000; Miscellaneous: Lai Chi Kok Cholera Hospital sewage disinfection tanks, \$4,000.

H.K. REFUGEE AND SOCIAL WELFARE COUNCIL

The Hongkong Refugee and Social Welfare Council gratefully acknowledge the following gifts to their "1941" Appeal Fund.

The Swatow Driven Work Co. (per Mr. Tsoi) \$100.00, Lieut. P. N. Litney R.A.M.C. \$50.00, The Chinese Chamber of Commerce \$50.00, The Kwong Wah Athletic Association (per Mr. W. J. Brown) \$101.00.

CHARITY FOOTBALL MATCH The net proceeds of the Football Match between Kwong Wah and Hongkong Football Club, played on Saturday, Dec. 7, at the Police Sports Ground, were \$1,101.00.

The total amount received was \$1,256.50. The expenses of printing posters and tickets, and of advertising was \$57.50. All other expenses were met by the Kwong Wah Athletic Association.

The Council is very grateful to the Kwong Wah Athletic Association for this generous gift to its funds, and especially to Mr. W. J. Brown, President of the Association who organised the Match in all the details; to the Police Sports Board who very kindly lent the ground for this occasion; and to all those who attended or sent donations.

H. Contes and 1525 (T) Mrs. I. J. Dupuy; Upper Levels—830, (T) Miss Doreen Manson.

The following qualified as Wardens but are not available for A.R.P. Service—Mrs. L. I. Puckie, Mrs. V. Murrell, Mrs. Van de Vetter, Mrs. K. O. Cheung, Miss Su Oi-kwan, Mr. O. Sadick, A. Pollard, W. R. J. Lowndes, Yau Shu-lun, Chan Ho-bun, S. Lo, Pao Kiu-yung, Lam Ee, Lee Hin-chiu, Miss Leung Fui-wan, Miss Ng Wai-fong, Miss Wong Fui-king, Hon Wing-chun, Chong Cheuk-yim, Miss Kwok Wing-fong, Au Kwok-in, Cheung Yuen-tung, Luk Ting-wai, Wong Sui-ning, Yung Yung-cheung, Poon Kiu-sang, Cheng Lam-cheung, Lai Kan-chung, Tang Pak-leung, Mrs. M. Radzinsky.

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Finance and Commerce

S'PORE ELECTRICITY REVENUE UP —DESPITE LOWER CHARGE

Notwithstanding the outbreak of war, the year 1939 has proved eminently satisfactory for the Singapore Municipality, according to the annual report of the President, Mr. L. Rayman recently issued, says the Malaya Tribune.

"The assessed value of the town and the rate fund have gone up, the general financial position continues sound, the electricity, gas, and water trading departments have made profitable progress, and—what is more important—the general health of the town, judged by the increase in the birth rate and by the fall in the general death rate, and more particularly in the infantile death rate, a record for Singapore, shows a great improvement," Mr. Rayman writes in the report.

"Building operations suffered a setback in September and October, owing to the uncertainty of supplies and the rise in cost of materials, but began to make a slow recovery towards the close of the year, and achieved a record."

TOWN'S VALUE UP
The annual value of the town at the end of the year, Mr. Rayman states, was \$20,087,256, showing a net increase of \$1,491,801 over the value at the end of the previous year.

In all, 678 new properties or a total annual value of \$373,668, were brought into assessment while 263 properties, representing an annual assessment of \$50,821, were demolished.

On the electricity, gas and water departments, Mr. Rayman

states that in electricity the number of units sold was 50,986,813, which, compared with 45,442,334 in 1938, is an increase of 12.2 per cent, the highest percentage increase since 1930.

"This," the President adds, "is reflected in the increased maximum demand at the power station which rose from 14,800 k.w. to 16,300 k.w. in 1939."

LOWER CHARGE
The increase in consumers connected to the supply shows a satisfactory increase from 28,087 to 28,225, and the total revenue from consumption increased from \$2,967,591 in 1938 to \$3,095,853 in 1939—this result notwithstanding the fact that the lighting rate was reduced from 14 to 13 cents per unit from January, 1939, which afforded this class of consumer a saving of \$144,000 during the year.

On gas, the President states that the gross profit made was \$290,612.77, and the trading profit \$125,112.04. The surplus after deducting expenditure on capital development was \$85,885.89.

The consumption of water continues to increase and for the year 1939, the average daily amount was 22,704,000 gallons. In 1938, the report recalls, the average daily consumption was only 13,903,000 gallons.

CO-ORDINATION OF COLONIAL PRODUCTION

VAST SCHEME UNDER ORGANISATION

LONDON, Dec. 18 (Reuter).—Economic agreements have just been negotiated with the French colonies in Africa and with the Belgian Congo.

These facts were mentioned in the House of Lords yesterday by Lord Lloyd, Secretary for the Colonies, as some of the many steps taken in the organisation of a vast scheme of co-ordinating colonial production, not merely between the British and Allied colonies, but more especially among British colonies themselves.

As to the Dutch Indies, the Governor of the Straits Settlements was authorised to undertake direct discussions with the Netherlands authorities whenever these were required.

FULL LIAISON

The British and Netherlands Governments were so impressed with the necessity of maintaining full liaison that they had formed a joint Anglo-Netherlands Committee on economic matters. Many of the problems that affect the colonies concern, to an equal extent, a large number of other countries which are not colonies. It would be useless, for example, to try to place cocoa or coffee in future in Crown Colonies unless we took into consideration the interests of Brazil and other South American countries and interests similarly concerned with coffee, etc.

UPS AND DOWNS

Lord Lloyd mentioned some of the colonial economic ups and downs as a result of war conditions. Ceylon had lost a small copra market but was doing well on tea, rubber and plumbago. Malaya had lost part of its copra market but was abounding in prosperity with rubber and tin. Hongkong is doing pretty well in general entrepot shipping, etc. Palestine is in some difficulties over citrus exports on account of the lack of shipping.

SUGAR COLONIES

The sugar colonies of the West Indies are quite comfortable. Trinidad is doing well with oil and British Guiana with bauxite. In all cases of hardship, we have found and are finding financial means of saving the colonies from grave suffering. Realising the weight of the war impact, the colonies are getting on extraordinarily well.

LABOUR QUESTION BEING TACKLED IN SINGAPORE

Investigation into the labour problem in Singapore is now being conducted by a special standing sub-committee of the Singapore Chamber of Commerce, writes the Malaya Tribune.

Appointed only recently, the sub-committee has had a number of sittings, and has already sent to Government several reports on their investigations.

The labour conditions of the Colony have been the concern of Singapore businessmen for years, particularly in the first half of this year when a number of serious strikes broke out in various parts of the island.

The Chamber proposes to study as much as possible the various types of labour, and the terms and conditions under which the labourers are carrying on.

The terms of reference of the sub-committee are:

(1) The organisations Government may already have, whose duty it is to keep in close and continuous touch with the various types of labour, and the terms and conditions of their employment;

(2) The constitution and powers of such organisations;

(3) The conception and execution of these duties by these organisations; and

(4) To report and make recommendations to the committee on improvements and or changes which it considers necessary to meet modern conditions.

INADEQUATE ORGANISATIONS.
It is learnt that the Chamber has not been satisfied that the organisations possessed by Government to cope with labour's needs and demands—present or future—are as full or effective as they should be.

At the half-yearly meeting of the Chamber, the Chairman, Mr. J. I. Dawson, expressed the view that the committee was of opinion that a study of labour and its problems was eminently a subject in which the Chamber should continue to interest itself.

"Sound and harmonious relations between employer and employee are of the highest importance to the port and Colony," Mr. Dawson declared.

The sub-committee originally consisted of three members, but now has only two, the Hon. Mr. E. N. C. Woolerton and Mr. W. M. P. Ferguson.

NAZIS CRUSH BELGIAN TRADE UNIONISM

BY MAX HUSEY

Member of the Belgian Parliament and of the Executive of the Belgian Labour Party.

Since the Nazi occupation of Belgium, darkness has descended upon that country. Little is known of what is going on behind the Chinese wall erected by the conqueror. But some information reaches the outer world through the stores told by Belgians who have succeeded in escaping from the German inferno, while those who know the country well may occasionally gather some hints of the truth from the statements or omissions of the Nazi controlled wireless broadcasts from Brussels.

One fact emerges quite clearly from all we have heard, and that is the complete destruction of the Trade Union movement, such as we have known it up to May 10, when the Nazi rurs descended upon my unhappy country.

As the invasion and bombardment of Belgium proceeded apace, those who had any leading part in the Labour and Socialist movement left the country, most of them for France, while some of them went to Britain.

They knew, of course, that had they remained at home, the Gestapo would have taken charge of them. Their deliberate intention was to carry on the struggle against the enemy behind the front, which they expected would be established somewhere near the Franco-Belgian frontier.

Unfortunately, events took a different course. After the lapse of France, the Germans issued an order prohibiting all Labour and other political leaders from returning to Belgium unless they made a formal act of submission. In fact, the Belgian Labour movement was completely deprived of its leadership by the invasion, especially of those leaders who were most definitely opposed to Nazi ideology.

Warned by the tragic experience of the German, Austrian, Czech and other Trade Unions, the Belgian leaders had the wisdom to mobilise in time, and put into safety some of the resources of their organisations, thus preventing them from falling into the hands of the Germans. But this, coupled with the fact that both State subsidies and workers' contributions suddenly ceased in the general disorder caused by the invasion resulted in the financial breakdown of the Trade Union and similar organisations.

These suffered, of course, the loss of an incomparably greater treasure—their liberty. Not a single public meeting is permitted. The only newspapers still allowed to be published, as well as the radio, are in the hands of the

pro-Nazi, whether of the Flemish separatist or the Rexist variety, who are themselves subject to German control.

The kid glove ostentatiously displaying is on a thin cover for the muffled fist, which imposes a ruthless "order" in the best Nazi spirit. Strikes are not tolerated. The only one that occurred, in a coal-mine of the Liege basin, only lasted one afternoon. The threat to send the strikers to a concentration camp in Germany sufficed to put an end to it.

DEPRESSING PROPAGANDA

What is worse, the demoralisation of the rank and file, is being deliberately organised, with a view, no doubt, to an attempt to introduce some form of Nazi corporatism. Belgium is completely cut off from the outside world. The incessant, and one-sided German propaganda has, naturally, a depressing effect on the public. The Belgian voices that are still allowed to be heard are completely subservient to Germany.

They are those of the tiny factions, suspected and loathed by the people before the war: Flemish Nationalists and Rexists, whose Fascist ideology was always rejected by the masses of workers, and Communists who never obtained more than 6 per cent of the votes in elections and whose parliamentary representatives now, with the permission of the German authorities, to occupied France to address meetings of the Belgian refugees.

Finally, there is a handful of doubtful Socialists who now disclose their Fascist leanings. The most repulsive specimen of these is the notorious Henri de Man who, in a public statement, proclaimed the death of the Belgian Labour Party of which he was but yesterday the President, and then proceeded to offer his services to Hitler by proposing the formation of a new National Economic Party which would, of course, merely be a shame-faced substitute for a genuine National Socialist Party!

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CHINESE DOLLAR GAINING

Despite the Japanese plot to undermine it, the position of the Chinese dollar in North China has been strengthened as indicated in an advance of its exchange rate, according to a Shanghai message quoting a foreign financier arriving there from Tientsin.

According to the foreigner, the Chinese dollar is now quoted at 4-5/32 pence or 6-5/8 U.S. cents. The rate, says the message, is even more favourable than that prevailing in Shanghai.—(Central News).

ANNAMESE INDEPENDENCE LEAGUE

The Annamese Independence League gave a tea reception to the cultural and newspaper circles in Kweilin.

Mr. Yang Hwai-nan, representing the League, reported the organisation of the League and the different parties in Indo-China and solicited support of the Annamese Independence movement.—(Central News).

HONGKONG SHARE QUOTATIONS

STOCK EXCHANGE. SHAREBROKERS' ASSOCIATION

Buyer	Seller	Share	Minima	WEDNESDAY 18 DEC.	Buyer	Seller	Share	Minima
				Banks				
\$1365	H.K. Bank	...	...	...	\$1365
...	Do. (Cpl. Reg.)	...	...	...	281
...	Do. (Loa. Reg.)	...	...	...	278
...	Chartered Bank	...	...	...	284
...	Mercantile Bks. "A"	...	...	...	286
...	Mercantile Bks. "C"	...	...	...	2103
...	Bank of East Asia	...	...	...	74
...	N. C. & S. Bank	...	...	...	1305
...	Insurance	...	...	...	...
...	Canton Insurance	...	...	...	\$205
...	Union Insurance	...	...	...	...
...	Underwriters	...	...	...	...
...	H.K. Fire	...	...	...	150
...	Shipping	...	...	...	...
...	Douglas	...	...	...	135
...	Steamboat	...	...	...	84
...	Indo-China (Fre.)	...	...	...	110
...	Indo-China (Def.)	...	...	...	100
...	Shells	...	...	...	3/1
...	Waterboats	...	...	...	87
...	Docks, Wharves, Godowns, etc.	...	...	...	...
...	H.K. & K. Wharves	...	...	...	25.00
...	Providence	...	...	...	18.10
...	H.K. Docks (Old)	...	...	...	173
...	H.K. Docks (New)	...	...	...	312
...	Shanghai Docks	...	...	...	...
...	Mining	...	...	...	...
...	Kailash	...	...	...	18/3
...	Route	...	...	...	87
...	Hong Kong Mines	...	...	...	...
...	Lands, Hotels and Buildings	...	...	...	...
...	H.K. & S. Hotels	...	...	...	331
...	H.K. Lands	...	...	...	100
...	Do. 4% Debentures	...	...	...	35.80
...	Shanghai Lands	...	...	...	...
...	H.K. Realities	...	...	...	78
...	Managers	...	...	...	...
...	Chinese Estates	...	...	...	...
...	Cotton Mills	...	...	...	...
...	Ewo (S.)	...	...	...	239
...	S'hai Cotton (S.)	...	...	...	185
...	Zong Sing (S.)	...	...	...	...
...	Wing On Textiles (S.)	...	...	...	125
...	Public Utilities	...	...	...	...
...	H.K. Tramways	...	...	...	173
...	Peak Tram (old)	...	...	...	74.40
...	Peak Tram (new)	...	...	...	33
...	Star Ferry	...	...	...	801
...	Y'mat Ferry	...	...	...	824
...	China Lights (O)	...	...	...	73.5
...	China Lights (New)	...	...	...	77.10
...	H.K. Electric (Old)	...	...	...	302
...	H.K. Electric (New)	...	...	...	...
...	Macao Electric (Old)	...	...	...	...
...	Macao Electric (New)	...	...	...	...
...	Sandakan Light	...	...	...	...
...	Telephone (old)	...	...	...	25.60
...	Telephone (new)	...	...	...	104
...	S'pore Tractors (Ord.)	...	...	...	...
...	Industrials	...	...	...	...
...	Cald. Macg. (Ord.) S.	...	...	...	14.80
...	Cald. Macg. (Prof.) S.	...	...	...	115
...	Canton Iron	...	...	...	50 cts.
...	Cement	...	...	...	18.25
...	H.K. Rope	...	...	...	...
...	H.K. Govt. Loans	...	...	...	...
...	4% Loan	...	...	...	89
...	5% " (1934)	...	...	...	85
...	5% " (1940)	...	...	...	...
...	Miscellaneous	...	...	...	...
...	Dairy Farms	...	...	...	19.15
...	Entertainments	...	...	...	87
...	Constructions (old)	...	...	...	1.85
...	Constructions (new)	...	...	...	...
...	Lane Crawford	...	...	...	9
...	Nanyang Tobacco	...	...	...	22.20
...	Sincere	...	...	...	...
...	Watsons	...	...	...	10.40
...	Ch. G.S. 1925 G.S.B.	...	...	...	35%
...	H.K. Wing On	...	...	...	339
...	S'hai Wing On	...	...	...	84
...	Vibro Piling	83
...	Marsmann Inv. (Lon)
...	Marsmann Inv. (H.K.)
...	Wm. Powell	11.90
...	†Sale to Shanghai

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Volume of Business Transacted on Wednesday, Dec. 18, 1940.

SALES

China Lights (O.) 500 77.50
China Lights (N.) 200 7.30
China Providents 500 5.85
China Providents 500 5.85
H.K. Docks (O.) 200 18.10
H.K. Docks (O.) 500 18.25
H.K. Tramways 200 17.70

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FOREIGN MARKETS & QUOTATIONS

MONEY AND EXCHANGE

CLOSING QUOTATIONS
DECEMBER 18, 1940

On London:—	
Telegraphic Transfer, 1/2 7/8	
Bank Bills, on demand 1/2 7/8	
Credits 4 months sight	
On Shanghai:—	
On demand 39 5/8	
On Singapore:—	
On demand 53 3/4	
On Japan:—	
On demand 102 1/8	
On India:—	
Telegraphic Transfer, 1/2 7/8	
On demand 82 1/2	
On New York:—	
Bank Bills, on demand 23 3/8	
Credits, 60 days sight 24 1/8	
On Batavia:—	
On demand 43 3/4	
On Paris:—	
Bank Bills, on demand Nom.	
Credits 4 months sight Nom.	
On Saigon:—	
On demand 101 1/8	
On Manila:—	
On demand 46 3/4	
On Bangkok:—	
On demand 149	
On Sterling Notes:—	
Bank Buying Rate ... Nom.	
Bar Silver per oz. 23 15/16	

Market Report

FROM ROZA BROS.
Wednesday, Dec. 18.
Silver prices dropped 1/16 yesterday for both deliveries, the quotations being 22.15/16 for Ready and 22.7/8 for Forward. Silver advances reported the market as being steady but quiet. American Silver was quoted at 34.3/4 for Spot.
The London/New York cross-rate was quoted at 402.1/2. New York/London was quoted at 403.1/2.

MARKET

STERLING
There were sellers at 1/3 December/January, buyers at 1/3-1/32 for Cash.

U. S. DOLLARS
Sellers at 23.11/16 for Cash, buyers at 23.3/4 for Cash.

SHANGHAI DOLLARS
Business was arranged at various rates. Opened with sellers at 404.3/4 and at the close sellers were offering 506 for Cash, buyers bidding 406.1/2.

SHANGHAI MARKET
Opened steady with sellers at 3.11/16 for Spot. Towards the close the rate receded to 3.43/64 for Spot, U.S. Dollars opened with sellers at 5.27/32 and last advices indicated sellers at 5.13/16 for Spot.

Shanghai Exchange

Shanghai, Dec. 18 (Reuters).

Official T.T. Rates	Opening	Closing
London	0/3-5/8	0/3-5/8
New York	5-11/16	5-11/16
Japan	24-1/8	24-1/8
India	20	20
Paris	nominal	nominal
Hongkong	24	24

Sterling	Opening	Closing
Spot	0/3-43/64	0/3-11/16
Dec.	0/3-43/64	0/3-43/64
Jan.	0/3-21/32	0/3-43/64
U.S. Dollars		
Spot	55-13/16	55-27/32
Dec.	5-13/16	5-13/16
Jan.	5-25/32	5-13/16

Market:—Quiet
Silver Duty Rate
The Central Bank of China's rate on London at 10 a.m. today was 1/2-1/2d.
The Equalisation rate was 2 1/2 per cent.

Calcutta Exchange

Calcutta, Dec. 17 (Reuters). T.T. on Japan, 81-1/4.

SILVER MARKET

LONDON SILVER
London, Dec. 17 (Reuters). Silver—Little more offering. Business limited. Market quiet but steady.
Spot, 22-15/16d.
Forward, 22-7/8d.

LONDON METALS EXCHANGE

London, Dec. 17 (Reuters). Tin, Standard, Cash, Middle Price, £257-3/8.
Tin, Standard, 3 months, Middle Price, £250-1/8.
Market steady.

COMMODITY MARKET REVIEW

(FROM PAYNE & CO.)

NEW YORK, Dec. 17, 1940.	Previous	Dec. 17.	Change
SINGAPORE RUBBER	buyers	buyers	
SPOT	38-3/8	38-1/8	off 1/4
JAN-MARCH	38	37-3/4	off 1/8
APRIL-JUNE	38-3/4	36-1/2	off 1/4

The market was quiet.

LONDON RUBBER	Previous close	Today's close	Change
SPOT	buyers	buyers	
JANUARY	12	11-15/16	off 1/16
FEBRUARY	12-1/8	12	off 1/8
MARCH	12-3/16	12-1/8	off 1/16
APRIL-JUNE	12-5/16	12-1/4	off 1/4
JULY-SEPT.	12-1/4	12-3/16	off 1/16

The market was dull.

NEW YORK COTTON: The steadiness of near positions is reflecting the strength of the spot situation. Believe March and May eventually widen some further over distant months.

NEW YORK STOCKS: Previous close, 131.07; Today's close, 130.53; Change, off 54.

NEW YORK COMMODITY MARKET

(REUTERS SERVICE)

	Prev. Today's				
	High	Low	Close	Close	Change
New York Cotton, March	10.19	10.12	10.15	10.16	.01 up
New York Rubber, March	20.25	20.25	20.20b	20.25	.05 up
Chicago Wheat, May	84 1/2	83 1/2	83 1/2	84	1 up
Chicago Corn, May	59 1/2	59 1/2	59	59 1/2	1 up
New York Hides, March	12.65	12.41	12.63	12.65	.02 up
NEW YORK COTTON					
	Close	Opening	Closing		Change
January	10.04 N	10.08a	10.04 N		unch.
March	10.15/15	10.15/15	10.18/16		.01 up
May	10.08 N	10.08/08	10.09/09		.01 up
July	9.88/88	9.87/87	9.89/89		.01 up
October	9.33/33	9.30/30	9.32 N		.01 off
December	9.29	unquoted	9.28 N		.01 off
Spot	10.15 N		unreceived		

Total sales Monday—44,200 bales.

NEW YORK RUBBER

	High	Low	Close	Change
January	20.40	unquoted	20.41b/45a	05 up
March	20.20b	20.20b	20.25b	05 up
May	19.99/99	20.03/03	20.00/00	01 up
July (New contract)	19.83/83	19.75b/80a	19.84b	01 up

CHICAGO WHEAT

	High	Low	Close	Change
May	83 1/2	83 1/2	84 1/4	1 up
July	78 1/2	78 1/2	79 1/2	1 up

Monday's sales—15,701,000 bushels.

CHICAGO CORN

	High	Low	Close	Change
May	59 1/2	59 1/2	59 1/2	1 up
July	59 1/2	59 1/2	59 1/2	1 up

NEW YORK HIDES

	High	Low	Close	Change
March	12.63/63	12.64/51	12.65/65	02 up
June	12.42/42	12.30b/47a	12.43	01 up

Total sales for the day—30 lots.

N.Y. Official Silver 34-3/4
N.Y.-London Cross Rate 4.03-1/2 4.03-1/2

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

(REUTERS SERVICE)

London, Dec. 17.
The following quotations are the middle prices at the close of the market in London. All quotations are subject to confirmation and no responsibility is assumed for errors in transmission.

War Loan, 3 1/2% (Red, after 1952)	102 1/2
Defence Loan, 3 1/2%	101
Jankton-Klown Rly, 5 1/2%	13
Chinese 4 1/2% Gold Loan 1898 (Brit. Issue)	44
Chinese 5% Gold Bonds, 1925/47	42-47
China 4 1/2% Anglo-French Loan, 1908	45
Chinese 5% Crisp Loan, 1912	28 1/2
Chinese 5% Reorg. Loan 1913 (Ldn. Is.)	34
Chinese 8% Ster. Notes, 1925 (Vickers)	10
China Imperial Rly, 5% Loan	47
London Rly, 5%	16 1/2
Hukuang Rly, 5%, 1911 (L.P. N.Y. Issue)	15
Hukuang Rly, 5%, 1911 (German Issue)	13
Lung Tai & U Hai Rly, 5%, 1913	14
Shai-N'King Rly, 5%	16
Tientsin-Pukow Rly, 5% (Brit. Stpd.)	15
Tientsin-Pukow Rly, 5% (German Stpd.)	15
Tientsin-Pukow Rly, 5% (Brit. Stpd. Supl. Loan)	15
Tientsin-Pukow Rly, 5% (Ger. Stpd. Supl. Loan)	15
Jap. 5% Ster. Loan, 1924	25 1/2
Ger. 7% Intl. Loan, 1924	8 1/2
Chartered Bank (Ldn. Reg.)	78
H.K. & S'hai Bank (Col. Reg.)	81
Chinese Eng. & Mining (bearer)	16 3/4
Chosen Corporation	4 1/2
Mercantile Bank of India, dia. 25, "G"	10 1/2
Pekin Syndicate	2 1/2
S'hai Elec. Contr. Co.	15 1/2
S'hai Waterworks "A"	13 1/2

H.K. STOCK EXCHANGE

The market is quiet with a firm undertone. The following dividends on Philippine Gold shares are reported.

Masbates, 01 ctvos.	100
LXL, 02 ctvos.	100
BUYERS	
H.K. Banks,	\$1,385.
Canton Ins.,	\$190.
Union Ins.,	\$395.
Wharves,	\$92.
Docks (Old),	\$18.10.
Docks (New),	\$17.40.
Providents,	\$5.60.
Hotels,	\$3.50.
Realities,	\$3.75.
Lights (Old) C.D.,	\$7.40.
Lights (New) C.D.,	\$7.65.
Sandakan Lights,	\$11.20.
Ropes,	\$7.
Dairy Farms,	\$19.15.
Watsons,	\$10.40.
Entertainments,	\$7.
Constructions (Old),	\$1.60.
SELLERS	
Realities,	\$3.95.
Electric (Old),	\$40.50.
Vibro Piling,	\$7.70.
SALES	
H.K. Banks,	\$1,385.
Providents,	\$5.60.
Trams,	\$17.70.
Telephones (Old),	\$25.75.
Watsons,	\$10.60.

LONDON GOLD

London, Dec. 17 (Reuters). Bar Gold, Fine per oz., 168/-

Union Insurance	28
Gula Kalumpung Rubber	15 1/2
Lon. Mid. & Scot. Rly, 13 1/2	13 1/2
Great Western Rly.	32 1/2
National Bank of India	31 1/2
B.A. Tob. (bearer)	85 1/2
Dunlop Rubber	32
Bristol Aeroplane	9 1/2
Imperial Chemical Ind.	28 1/2
United Steel	21 1/2
Woolworths	53 1/2
Maraman Investments	7 1/2
Western Holdings	10
Sub-Nigel	160
Shell Trans. & Trad. (bearer)	40
—bid.	—ex div.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

QUOTATION

(REUTERS SERVICE)

DECEMBER 18, 1940

STOCKS	Last Sale	STOCKS	Last Sale
Dec. 17	Dec. 17	Dec. 17	Dec. 17
Adams Express	5 1/2	Loew's Inc.	34 1/2
Allegheny Steel Co.	23 1/2	Loft Incorporated	—
Alis Chalmers	36 1/2	Mack Truck Inc.	28
Aluminum Ltd.	74	Martin, Glen L.	32 1/2
Amer. Can.	86 1/2	McKesson & Robbins, pfd.	25
American Cyanamid B.	34 1/2	Montgomery Ward	37 1/2
Amer. Radiator	1	Mt. City Copper Co.	3
Amer. & Foreign \$7 pf.	15 1/2	National Aviation	10 1/2
Amer. Locomotive	16 1/2	Nat. Dairy Products	13 1/2
Amer. Metals Co.	18	National Distillers	23 1/2
Amer. Rolling Mill	15 1/2	National Lead	17
Amer. S'ing and Ring Co.	43 1/2	Nat. Power & Light	6 1/2
Amer. Sugar Refining	13 1/2	National Supply Corp.	6 1/2
Amer. Tel. & Tel.	168 1/2	New York Central	13 1/2
Amer. Tobacco "B"	69-3/8	Niagara Hudson Power	3
Amer. Waterworks	6 1/2	N. American Aviation	16 1/2
Anacosta Copper	26 1/2	North American Co.	18 1/2
Atchafalca, T. & S. Fe.	17 1/2	Northern Pacific	6 1/2
Aviation Corp.	4 1/2	Owens-Illinois Glass Co.	44
Baldwin Locomotive	17 1/2	Pacific Gas & Elec.	28 1/2
Baltimore & Ohio	3 1/2	Packard Motors	3 1/2
Barber Asphalt Co.	9 1/2	Pan-American Airways	15
Barnsdall Oil	8 1/2	Paramount Pictures	10 1/2
Bendix Aviation	33 1/2	Pennsylvania R.R.	22 1/2
Bethlehem Steel	86 1/2	Philadelphia Read. Coal	3 1/2
Bills & Co.	16 1/2	Phillips Petroleum	40
Boeing Airplane Co.	17 1/2	Public Service of N.J.	29 1/2
Borg-Warner	20	Pullman Inc.	26 1/2
Briggs Mfg.	24 1/2	Pure Oil	8
Budd Manufacturing Corp.	5 1/2	Radio Corp. of Am.	13 1/2
Canadian Pacific Rwy.	3 1/2	Reading Company, Com.	5 1/2
Case, J.I.	57	Remington Arms Co., Inc.	48 1/2
Celanese	27 1/2	Republic Aviation Corp.	5 1/2
Celspan & Ohio	42	Republic Steel	21 1/2
Chrysler Corp.	75 1/2	Revere Corp.	11 1/2
Columbia Gas & Elec.	4 1/2	Reynold Tobac. "B"	31 1/2
Commercial Credit Co.	29 1/2	Safeway Stores	42
Com. & Southern (Ord.)	1	Schenley Distillers	10 1/2
Consolidated Edison	22	Sears Roebuck	76 1/2
Consolidated Oil	5 1/2	Shell-Union Oil	11 1/2
Continental Can	37 1/2	Socoy-Vacuum Oil	8 1/2
Continental Oil	19 1/2	Southern Pacific	7 1/2
Copperweld Steel	18 1/2	Southern Ry \$5 pfd.	21 1/2
Curtis Wright (C.)	8 1/2	Spicer Manufacturing Co.	35 1/2
Curtis Wright "A"	28	Standard Brands	1
Deere & Co.	21 1/2	Standard Oil of California	1
Distillers Corp. Seagrams	18 1/2	Standard Oil of N.J.	33 1/2
Douglas Aircraft	77 1/2	Stone & Webster	7 1/2
Du Pont de Nemours	163 1/2	Studebaker Corp.	13 1/2
Eagle Picher Lead	10 1/2	Swift International	0
Eaton Mfg. Co.	34 1/2	Tenneco	39 1/2
Elec. Autolite	35	Texas Corp.	38 1/2
Elec. Bond & Share	3 1/2	Texas Gulf Sulphur	38 1/2
Elec. Bond & Share \$5 pf.	58 1/2	Timken-Axle	29 1/2
Elec. Bond & Share \$8 pf.	66 1/2	Trans-America Co.	4 1/2
Elec. Power & Light \$7 pf.	32 1/2	20th Cent. Fox	6 1/2
Flinckote	54	Union Bag & Paper Corp.	12 1/2
Gen. American Trans.	33	Union Carbide & Carbon	69 1/2
Gen. Electric	49 1/2	Union Pacific	74 1/2
Gen. Motors	49 1/2	United Aircraft	43 1/2
Gen. Railway Signal	14 1/2	United Airlines Trans.	15
Gen. Tire & Rubber	12 1/2	United Corp.	11
Glidden Co.	13 1/2	United Corp. \$3 cum pf.	26 1/2
Goodrich (B.F.)	13 1/2	United Gas Corp.	9 1/2
Goodrich \$5 pf.	62	United Gas Improvement	1
Goodyear Tire & Co.	18 1/2	U.S. Industrial Alcohol	22 1/2
Great Northern Iron Ore	16	U.S. Rubber	23 1/2
Great Northern Rly, pfd.	26 1/2	U.S. Rubber \$8 pfd.	87 1/2
Great Western Sugar	20	U.S. Smelting	64
Greyhound Corp.	10 1/2	U.S. Steel	69
Hercules Powder Co.	72 1/2	Vanadium	32 1/2
Homestake Mining	52 1/2	Vulcan Aircraft	7 1/2
Int. Nickel	23 1/2	Walworth Co.	5 1/2
Inter. Paper & Power	15 1/2	Warner Bros. Pict.	31
Int. Tel. & Tel.	2	Westinghouse Elec.	103
Kennecott Copper	35 1/2	Woodward Iron Cor.	32
Lakey Foundry & Mac.	34	Chase National Bank	—
Libbey-Owens-Ford Glas.	42 1/2	National City Bank	—
Lockheed Aircraft	27 1/2		

DOW JONES AVERAGE

1940	High	Low	Dow Jones Averages	Dec. 16	Dec. 18, 1940.	Close	Change
1928-30	111.54	30	Industrials	131.07	131.34	130.09	0.84 off
1927-29	23.15	20	Utilities	27.89	27.68	27.23	0.14 off
1926-28	18.03	20	Utilities	19.93	19.99	19.76	0.19 off
1925-27	83.08	40	Bonds	91.01	91.01	90.95	0.06 off
1924-26	48.47	11	Commodity Index	58.91	58.91	58.04	0.13 up

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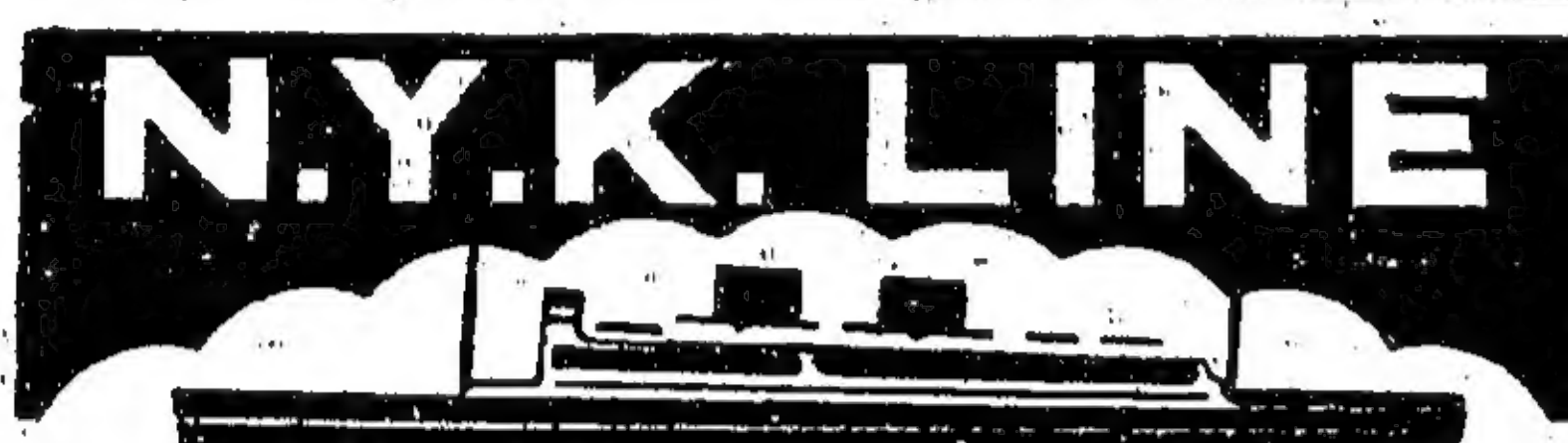
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**LEGISLATIVE
COUNCIL
MTG.**

At the Legislative Council meeting to be held today at 2.30 p.m. the Attorney General will move the following resolution:—

Resolved pursuant to section 3 of the Public Officers (Changes of Style) Ordinance, 1937, that the style of the office of "Divisional Superintendent of Police" be changed to that of "Senior Superintendent of Police" for all purposes and that the said addition be made to the Schedule to the said Ordinance. (The Attorney General will also move the First reading of—
"A Bill to amend the Holidays Ordinance, 1912."

**MORE DESTROYERS
FOR U.S. NAVY**

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18 (Reuter).—The award of a contract for the construction of 40 additional destroyers at an estimated cost of \$253,000,000 is announced by Colonel Frank Knox, U.S. Secretary of the Navy.
He also announces the award of contracts for the expansion of shipbuilding facilities at a cost of over \$8,000,000.

WEATHER REPORT

Hongkong Royal Observatory
10 a.m. Dec. 18.
Barometer (at sea level), 30.30 ins.
Temperature, 64 F.
Humidity, 55 per cent.
Wind Direction, E.N.E.
Wind Force (Beaufort), 4.
Temperature maximum yesterday, 72 F.
Temperature minimum last night, 57 F.
Rainfall for 24 hrs. ending 10th today, nil.
Total rainfall since January 1st, 117.59 ins.
Against an average of, 84.73 ins.
Sunset tonight, 5.42 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow, 6.57 a.m.

4 p.m., Dec. 18.
Barometer (at sea level), 30.18 ins.
Temperature, 64 F.
Humidity, 51 per cent.
Wind Direction, E/S.
Wind Force (Beaufort), 4.
Maximum temperature, 67 F.
Minimum temperature, 57 F.
Rainfall, nil.

HONG KONG TIDE TABLE

From 19 to 25 Dec. 1940.

HIGH WATER				LOW WATER			
Days of Week	Date of Month	Hong Kong Standard Time	Height	Days of Week	Date of Month	Hong Kong Standard Time	Height
Thur.	19	h.m.	a.m.	h.m.	a.m.	h.m.	a.m.
		13 20	4 9			08 40	1 0
		23 50	7 5			17 18	3 8
Fri.	20					07 25	1 4
		14 10	5 0			18 15	4 0
		00 46	8 9			08 15	1 6
Sat.	21	15 06	5 2			19 30	1 2
		01 55	8 2			09 05	2 2
Sun.	22	16 00	5 5			21 28	4 0
		03 24	5 6			10 09	2 5
Mon.	23	15 53	5 3			22 25	3 5
		05 00	5 1			10 53	2 5
Tues.	24	21 7	6 4				
		06 30	4 8			00 43	1 7
Wed.	25	18 30	6 9			11 45	3 1

**73 TRAFFIC
ACCIDENTS
IN COLONY**

In the Colony of Hongkong including the Island, Kowloon and New Territories during the week ending at 8 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 14, there were altogether 73 traffic accidents, as the result of which five persons were killed and 22 persons were injured.

Of the persons killed, an 8-year-old boy was knocked down and killed by a public car while crossing the carriageway, and four Chinese male bus passengers died from injuries received as the result of a collision between vehicles.

Of 73 accidents, 23 were collisions between vehicles; 20 were collisions between vehicles and pedestrians; 21 accidents were due to other causes.

**FOOD CONTROL IN
KWANGTUNG**

With a view to tightening food control the Kwangtung Provincial Government has instructed the different hsten to organise food control committees of from nine to eleven members each. They will be under the direct control of the provincial food control bureau. (Central News).

FLOATING MINE

A floating mine in a position approximately 22.1 N. Long. 113.59 E. at 9.40 hrs. yesterday has been reported to the Harbour Office by the master of the s.s. Kinsan.

**THAILAND CHINESE
INVEST**

Remittances by overseas Chinese in various parts of the world for investment in China are steadily mounting, according to financial circles in Kunning.
During the past year, the Chinese in Thailand alone have invested more than \$30,000,000 in Yunnan province. (Central News).

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**ENGINEERS'
MEETING
CLOSES**

After five sessions during which more than 20 important decisions were reached, the ninth annual meeting of the Chinese Engineers' Society was brought to a close in Chengdu.

Mr. H.H. Ling, well-known Chinese railway engineer has been elected new chairman of the Society while Mr. Chen Li-fu, Minister of Education, and several others were named directors.

Following the closing ceremony, all the participants left for Kwansien, in west Szechwan, to inspect the recently completed embankment along the Tu River.

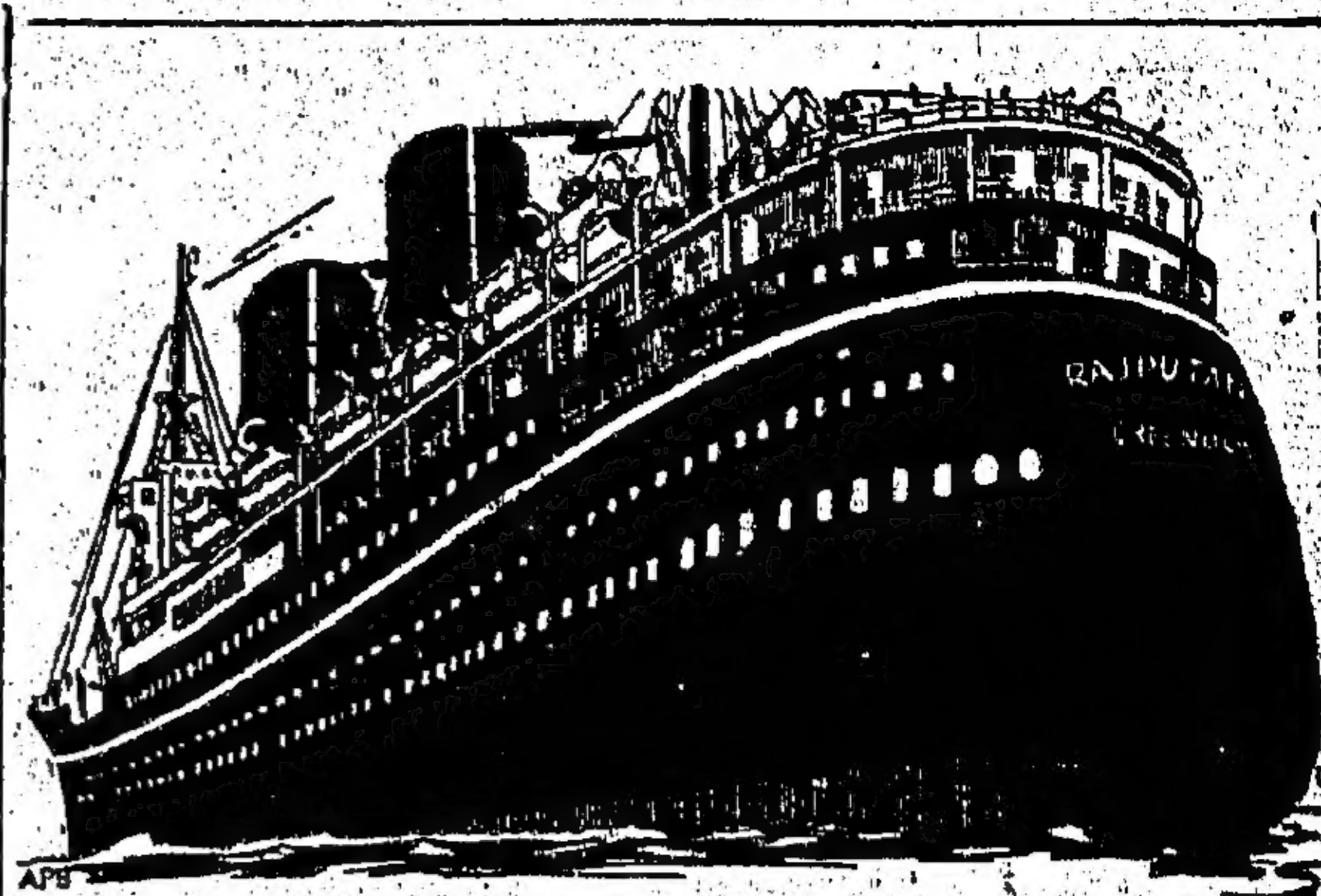
It is earned that a gold medal was awarded to Mr. Ling in recognition of his valuable services in completing the Canton-Hankow Railway in a short time. (Central News).

**UNCLAIMED
TELEGRAMS**

The following unclaimed telegrams are lying at the office of the Great Northern Telegraph Company (Limited):—
"soo Chul-Lan, 27 Yuk Sau Street, 2nd floor; Li Kung-po, c/o Tak Lun Kung House; Feng Chiu-llt, c/o Man Kwok Boarding House; Mr. B. Pethick, Hongkong Hotel.

**Hochwan To Donate
Two Planes**

A "gift plane" movement has been launched by the people in Hochwan, 40 miles northwest of Chungking on the upper reaches of the Chialing River. The movement aims at the raising of \$500,000 for the purchase of two planes to be presented to the Government, which will be christened "Hochwan." For the purpose of receiving contributions, a committee has been set up with Mr. Yuan Hsu-ya, Magistrate, as chairman.
The 3rd District of Hochwan alone has pledged to subscribe \$150,000. (Central News).



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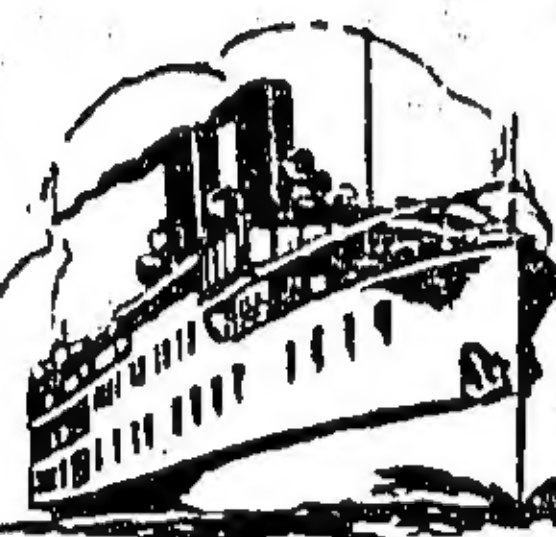
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WILDCATS TASTE FIRST DEFEAT OF SEASON AT THE HANDS OF INSPIRED WAHOOS

Florinhas Break "Jinx" With Convincing Win

BY R.O.Y.

INSPIRED BY THE RETURN OF CHIEF WAHOO THERESE NORONHA, THE WAHOOS PLAYED HEADS-UP BALL to provide the upset of last Sunday's softball programme when they earned a 17-15 decision over the Wildcats who, in losing, tasted defeat for the first time this season.

Taking advantage of their opponents shakiness in the field, the Green Owls went on an eight run rampage in the first frame but lost that huge advantage as the Wildcats rallied to count nine tallies in the second. The Wildcats led by a single counter coming into the final frame but errors by Irene Pereira and Lily Mar allowed the winners to count five on only four hits. The losers managed to reduce the margin with three markers, on nary a hit but Cynthia Motta fled out to Irene Castilho, who had given a sparkling display, to end the game.

Jackie Anderson homered for the Wahoos, but Therese Noronha's 4-in-5 gained her batting honours. Gloria Mar was the star of the losing squad hitting two round trippers beside giving a sound display at the Hot Corner. Two-baggers were plentiful Irene Pereira and Therese Noronha clouting two apiece while Irene Castilho, Doris Mar and Socorro Castro garnered one each.

FIRST POINTS FOR L.F.C.

The Florinhas lifted themselves out of the cellar when they won a convincing 19-10 victory over Chung Hwa who held a short-lived two run lead in the third but faded out to concede four tallies in the fourth and eight in the fifth.

Nell Lee paced the batters of both squads by connecting for three in four trips to the pan but Socorro Sequeira poled out the only circuit clout.

SURPRISING RESISTANCE

The Ramblerettes put up surprising resistance to "Colonel" Dave Walker's Cardinals, only succumbing by 21 tallies to 22 after two extra innings. The scores were knotted at 20-all at the end of the seventh and neither squad could score in the eighth.

Cinnie Remedios tallied for the Ramblerettes in the ninth but Redbirds came back with counters through Efigenia Babida and Betty Fitzgerald, in their half of the same stanza, to take the points.

Longest clout was Babida's triple, but doubles were credited to Ding Lopes, Melvy Campos, Babida and Irene Mathias, the last named garnering three.

MEN'S GAMES

In the Men's games, St. Joseph's had an outing at the expense of the Filipino Club boys, the count being 25-7 in favour of the Collegians whose 22 safeties were good for 37 bases. Dave "The Bambino" Leonard leading the parade with two homers and two doubles.

Arturo Ozojo registered the only triple of the game while Stan Leonard, Hank All, Hussain and Ski Powlowski (two) were good for two baggers.

For the Filipinos, Harry Campos and Bobby Laurel were sound defenders, Tavares also giving a hard-working display at the left cabbage patch.

CLOSE ENCOUNTER

The closest game of the season was seen when the Cyclones and Rambling Rees battled to a 1-0 decision which went to the Aces on a tally scored by that "ever-green" Linho Gosano. Hits were

at a premium, Doctor Eddie Gosano being the only hitter in the game to connect more than once.

The opposing hurlers, Kelly Silva-Netto for the Cyclones, Johnny Alvares and Gerry Gosano for the Aces, were in fine form and hurled irresistible ball to hold the hitters of both squads well in check.

CANADIANS BOW TO I.S.C.

The Canadian Chinese took another beating, this time at the hands of the Indian Softballers by an 11-3 count, poor defensive work allowing the winners seven unearned markers that made their performance look worse than it really was.

The Indian boys collected but five safeties off the speedy hurling of Herbie Quon who clouted for the circuit in his first time bat. "Savage" Hassan replied with two homers for the Indians whose slick fielding made up for their lack of offensive strength.

TRIPLE KILLING

Two double plays and a triple killing featured the Indians' display although in different base-running on the part of the Canucks made them possible.

LEAGUE STANDINGS

Ladies' League	Won	Lost	Pctg.
Canuckettes	6	0	1.000
Wildcats	5	1	.833
Wahoos	5	2	.714
Cardinals	4	3	.571
Panthers	4	3	.571
Ramblerettes	2	5	.286
Florinhas	1	6	.143
Chung Hwa	0	7	.000

First Division	Won	Lost	Pctg.
St. Joseph's	6	1	.857
H.K.B.C.	5	2	.714
C.B.C.	3	2	.600
Recrelo Aces	3	2	.600
Cyclones	4	3	.571
Indians	3	3	.500
Filipinos	1	5	.167
Canucks	0	7	.000

Second Division	Won	Lost	Pctg.
Chung Hwa	4	0	1.000
V.R.C.	3	1	.750
Recrelo Bees	4	2	.667
South China	2	1	.667
R.A.F.	3	2	.600
Cosmopolitan	3	2	.600
Liga	2	2	.500
Royal Scots	2	2	.500
C.B.A.	1	4	.200
8th R.A.	1	5	.167
R. Engineers	0	4	.000

Hong League	Won	Lost	Pctg.
H.K. Bank	2	0	1.000
Shell	2	0	1.000
Chartered Bank	1	0	1.000
Lacas	1	1	.500
Texaco	0	1	.000
Cables	0	2	.000
Greenspots	0	2	.000

Badminton Results

Following are the results of the "B" Division Badminton League matches played last night:

SECTION "A"

King's College beat Jewish Recreation Club, 8-1.
S. Ramley and L. Landau (J.R.C.) lost to S. E. Chau and K. J. Attwell 12-21; lost to K. L. Lui and W. C. Chung 12-21; lost to K. H. Lo and T. Lam 3-21.

A. Pollak and M. Talan lost to Chau and Attwell 5-21; beat Lui and Chung 21-17; lost to Lo and Lam 3-21.
B. Godkin and J. Odell lost to Chau and Attwell, 12-21; lost to Lui and Chung 15-21; lost to Lo and Lam 10-21.

The game between Victoria Recreation Club and Chung Wah was postponed.

SECTION "B"

St. John's beat Police 8-1.
H. Eardley and D. Kwok (S.J.) beat A.R.S. Major and C. Y. Sul 21-2; beat W. Gillies and L. Gordon 21-7; beat J. Macdonald and H. Dingsdale 21-8.

R. Maynard and G. Ladd (S.J.) beat Major and Sul 21-9; beat Gillies and Gordon 21-13; lost to Macdonald and Dingsdale 9-21.
N. L. Smith and P. Wilson (S.J.) beat Major and Sul 23-20; beat Gillies and Gordon 23-20; beat Macdonald and Dingsdale 21-7.

K.C.C. WIN

Kowloon Cricket Club beat Kowloon Tong 6-3.
V. D. Bright and A. L. Fisher (K.C.C.) beat F. H. Kwok and J. Chan 24-21; beat A. T. Chan and A. C. Chan 20-0; beat Peter Lo and J. Tsang 21-16.

J. L. Anderson and H. S. Johns (K.C.C.) lost to Kwok and Chan 3-21; beat Chan and Chan 21-8; beat Lo and Tsang 21-16.

D. Hazell and A. E. Brest (K.C.C.) lost to Kwok and Chan 11-21; beat Chan and Chan 21-3; lost to Lo and Tsang 20-23.

CHEERO CLUB DANCE

Under the distinguished patronage of His Excellency the Acting Governor, Lieut.-General E. F. Norton, the annual Christmas dance of the Cheero Club was held last night. His Excellency was accompanied by Capt. S. E. Batty-Smith, A.D.C.

The function was attended by about 300 members and their friends. Dancing was to the strains of the Middlesex Band.

CENTURY FOR COOMBES

At Sookunpoo on Tuesday, Royal Army Medical Corps beat 5th A.A. Royal Artillery by eight wickets in a friendly cricket match.
5th A.A.—183 for 7 dec. (Dobbinson 64, Ingram 41, Barsby 34 not out; Harvey 2 for 22), R.A. M.C.—187 for 2 (Coombes 110 not out, Swyer 24).

TRUE BLUE WINS

The sweepstake race of the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club sailed yesterday resulted as follows:—

Corrected Pos.	True Blue, A11	16.35.54	1
(Mr. L. Garner)	Redshank, A10	16.38.42	2
(Mr. W. Browne)	Isobel, A7	16.43.20	3
(Major R. W. Berridge)	Zephyr, Y8	16.43.58	4
(Lieut. E. Hitchcott)	Gull, A9	16.44.62	5
(Capt. A. O. G. Mills)	Atlas, 12	16.46.17	6
(Capt. W. A. Ingram)	Widgeon, Y5	16.48.52	7
(Major J. H. Brown)			

FOREIGN MAILS

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, 19th DECEMBER, 1940, 9.30 A.M.

Small Packet Post to all countries is suspended.

INWARD MAILS

From	Due
Air Mail by "British Overseas Airways Service" by sea from Singapore	19th Dec.
Canton	21st Dec.
Sandakan	21st Dec.
Calcutta and Straits	22nd Dec.
Australia and Manila	23rd Dec.
London and Straits	24th Dec.
Air Mail by "Pan-American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 17th December	25th Dec.
London and Straits	25th Dec.
U.S.A. Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai. (San Francisco date 6th December)	26th Dec.
U.S.A. Honolulu, and Manila. (San Francisco date, 3rd December)	26th Dec.
Java and Manila	27th Dec.
Swatow	28th Dec.
Sandakan	28th Dec.
Calcutta and Straits	30th Dec.
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London and Straits	31st Dec.

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For	Date and Time
FRIDAY	
K.P.O.	Fri. 20th
Parcels 10.00 AM	
Reg. 11.45 AM	
Ord. 12.30 PM	
G.P.O.	
Parcels 10.00 AM	
Reg. 11.45 AM	
Ord. 12.30 PM	
K.P.O.	
Reg. 4.00 PM	
Ord. 4.30 PM	
G.P.O.	
Reg. 4.00 PM	
Ord. 4.30 PM	
K.P.O.	
Reg. 5.00 PM	
Ord. 5.30 PM	
Air Mail by Air to Rangoon to connect with the "British Overseas Airways"	Reg. 4.00 PM
Air Mail by sea to Singapore to connect with the "British Overseas Airways"	Reg. 5.00 PM
Haiphong	Ord. 7.00 PM
SATURDAY	
Straits	Sat. 21st
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., Central and South America and United Kingdom via Vancouver B.C. (Parcels for Canada only)	8.30 AM
Reg. 5.00 PM	
Ord. 5.30 PM	
Note:—All Mails for United Kingdom will be forwarded with or without superscription	
SUNDAY	
Canton	Sun. 22nd
Reg. 7.15 AM	
MONDAY	
Straits and Calcutta	Mon. 23rd
Parcels 10.30 AM	
Letters 11.30 AM	
K.P.O.	
Reg. 2.00 PM	
Ord. 2.30 PM	
G.P.O.	
Reg. 2.00 PM	
Ord. 2.30 PM	
Air Mail by Sea to Singapore to connect with the "British Overseas Airways"	Reg. 2.00 PM
Straits, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa	Ord. 2.30 PM
WEDNESDAY	
Manila, Macassar and Sourabaya	Wed. 25th
Par. 24th 5.00 PM	
Let. 25th 9.30 AM	
K.P.O.	
Reg. Noon	
Ord. Noon	
G.P.O.	
Reg. Noon	
Ord. 5.00 PM	
THURSDAY	
Air Mail by Sea to Singapore to connect with the "British Overseas Airways"	Reg. 5.00 PM
Straits, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa	Ord. 7.00 PM
FRIDAY	
Straits	Fri. 27th
8.30 AM	
Sandakan	8.30 AM
K.P.O.	
Parcels 4.00 PM	
Reg. 5.00 PM	
Ord. 5.30 PM	
G.P.O.	
Parcels 4.00 PM	
Reg. 5.00 PM	
Ord. 7.00 PM	
SATURDAY	
Straits, Rangoon and Calcutta	Sat. 28th
8.30 AM	
MONDAY	
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mombasa, Beira, Lourenco Marques, and South Africa via Durban	Mon. 29th
8.30 PM	
K.P.O.	
Reg. 2.45 PM	
Ord. 3.30 PM	
G.P.O.	
Reg. 2.45 PM	
Ord. 3.30 PM	
Manila, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island	Reg. 2.45 PM
Ord. 3.30 PM	

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Statement for quarter ended September 14, 1940 (consisting of three four-weekly periods).
Battery: Tonnage of Ore raised 21,038 tons; No. of Ounces of Bullion produced 2,890 ounces; No. of Ounces of Fine Gold recovered 2,741 ounces.

Retreatment Plant: No. of tons treated 24,023 tons; No. of Ounces of Bullion produced 1,557 ounces; No. of Ounces of Fine Gold recovered 1,365 ounces.

Value of Gold from all sources £34,011 Sterling.

Working Costs £27,477 Sterling.

Capital Expenditure £865 Sterling.

Mine Profit for Quarter (subject to Depreciation) £6,534 Sterling.

Science Forging New Weapons For Britain

Famous scientists and research workers have formed a "Brains Trust" to aid Britain's war effort.

The Lord President of the Council, after discussion with the Royal Society, has, with the Premier's approval, appointed a scientific advisory committee.

Lord Hankey will act as chairman and the other members include Sir William Bragg, president of the Royal Society, and Sir Edward Mellanby, secretary of the Medical Research Council.

The committee will bring to the notice of the Lord President promising new scientific or technical developments likely to assist the war effort. They will also advise Government departments on questions of scientific research.

Already it may be revealed that Britain has a secret weapon which, when perfected will render Nazi bombers practically harmless.

This is the answer to the question: "What can be done to defeat the night raiders?"

"The day may be very near when aerial warfare will be entirely revolutionised," a scientist states.

Chemists and engineers have been busy for months on research work of an unusual kind. The result is, of course, a close secret, but it will ultimately banish the terrors of aerial attack.